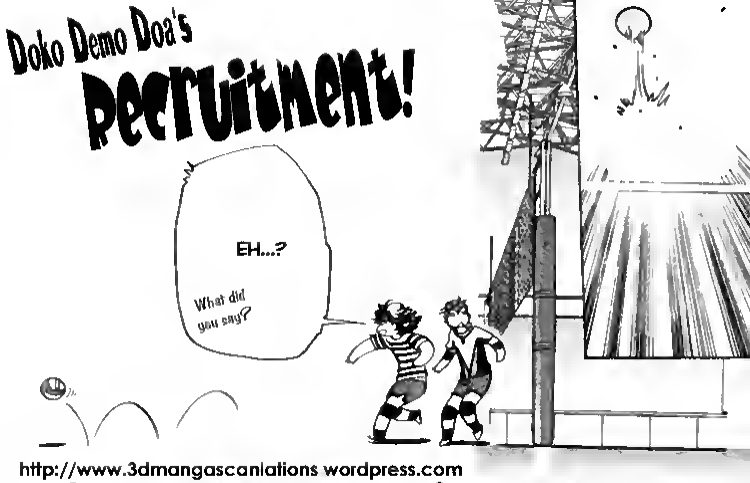
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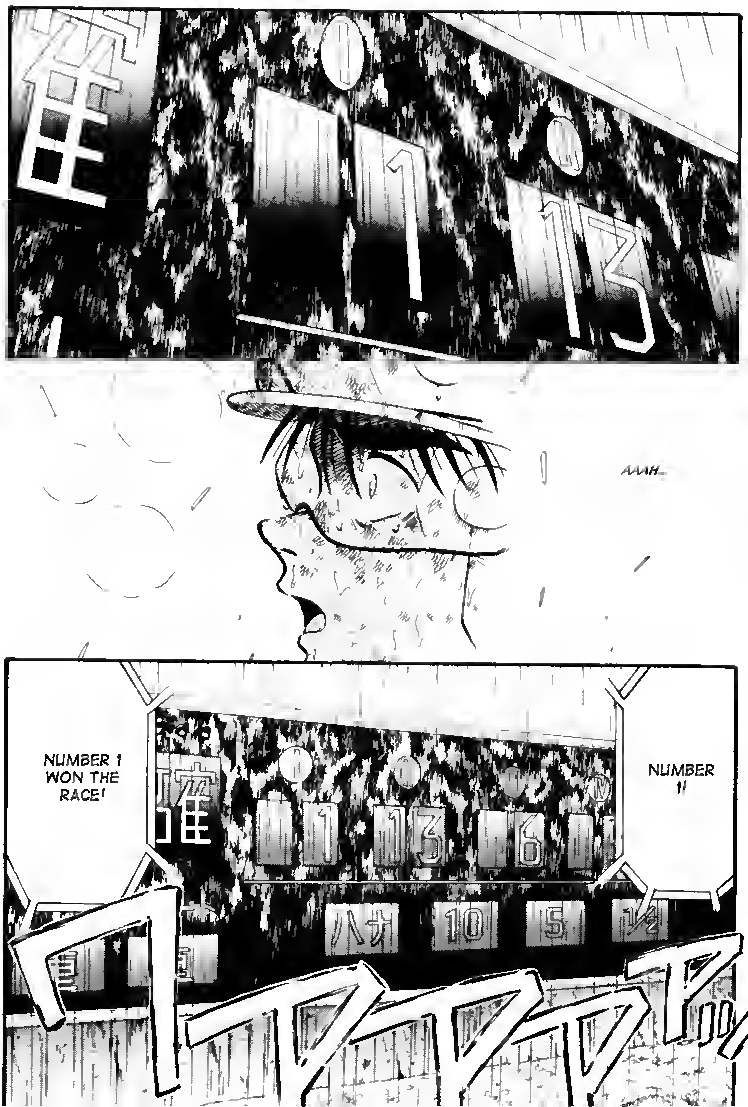
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RACE 88: DECISIONS

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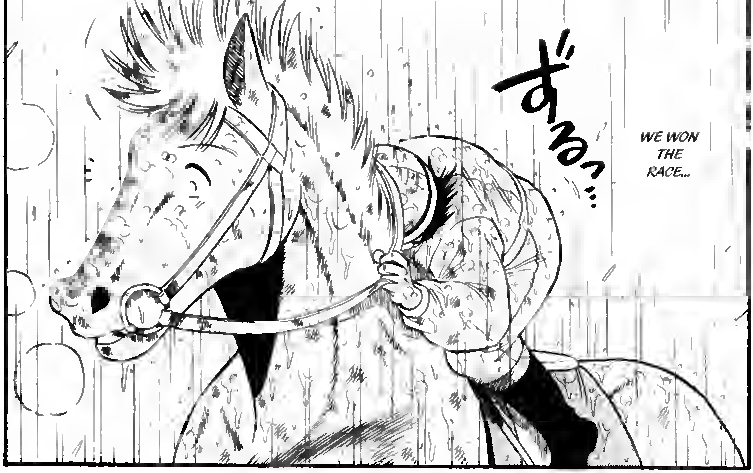

JUN-SAMA! JUN-SAMA! YOU'RE THE CHAMPION!
MAXIMUM IS THE WINNER!
SYLPHID! SYLPHID PASSED MAXIMUM IN THE LAST MINUTE AND WON THE RACE!
SHUDDUP!
IDIOT! WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
WE CAN ONLY WAIT FOR THE ANNOUNCE-MENT BOARD NOW!
THE STADIUM IS FILLED WITH THE AUDIENCE'S OPINIONS!
ON THE OTHER HAND, IF THE NUMBER 13 IS SHOWN, MAXIMUM WILL HAVE WON AN-OTHER RACE AFTER THE DERBY!
IF THE NUMBER 1 IS SHOWN, SYLPHID WILL HAVE SUCCESS-FULLY AVENGED HIS DEFEAT IN THE DERBY!
OR WILL MAXIMUM BE THE TRIPLE CROWN WINNER?
DID WHITE LIGHTNING'S MIRACLE SPURT HELP HIM WIN THE RACE?


NUMBER 1 OR NUMBER 13?
SYLPHID OR MAXI-MUM?
YES! DEFI-NITELY!
SYLPHID! SYLPHID WILL WIN THE RACE!
THEY HAVEN'T PUT THE NUMBER UP YET!
THIS IS DIFFI-CULT!
STILL NOT YET?
NOT YET!


AAAH...
NUMBER 1 WON THE RACE!
NUMBER 1!

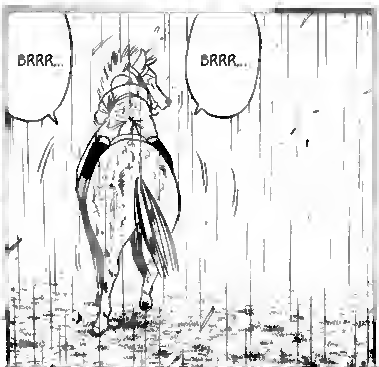


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WE WON THE RACE...


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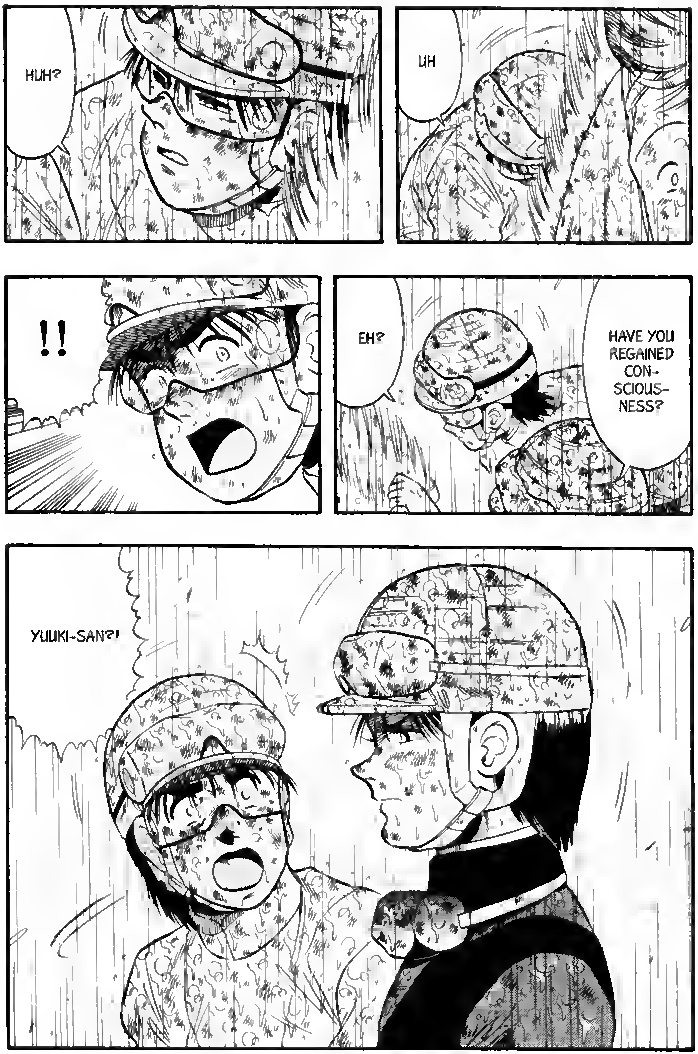

BRRR...
BRRR...


WE LOST IT!
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DID HE JUST FAINT?
WHAT'S WRONG WITH HIM?
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YES, OUR Cchampion WILL SOON DO HIS WINNING RUN!
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HE FINALLY DEFEATED MAXIMUM IN A G-1 RACE!
THIS MUST BE SO MEAN-INGFUL FOR HIM!
SYLPHID IS DOING HIS WINNING RUN UNDER THE RAIN AND HIS LOYAL FANS' SUPPORT!
FROM THE TRIBUNE TO THE HILL CORNER
EH?
OH?
HEY WHAT'S THAT?
THERE'S ANOTHER HORSE NEXT TO SYLPHID!
WHAT'S THIS?


MAXIMUM!
WH WHY...?!
MAXIMUM IS RUNNING ALONGSIDE SYLPHID!
JUN?


HUH?
UH
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EH?
HAVE YOU REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS?
YUUKI-SAN?!


HE'S HELPING ME CONTROL SYLPHID'S BRIDLE
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HUH?
IT'S NOT GOOD TO MAKE YOUR FANS WAIT TOO LONG
YES, THE TWO HORSES ARE ABOUT TO REACH THE WINNING PODIUM!
SYLPHID, THE CHAMPION, AND MAXIMUM!
HOW PATHETIC YOU JUST WON THE RACE YOU KNOW?
YOU FAINTED

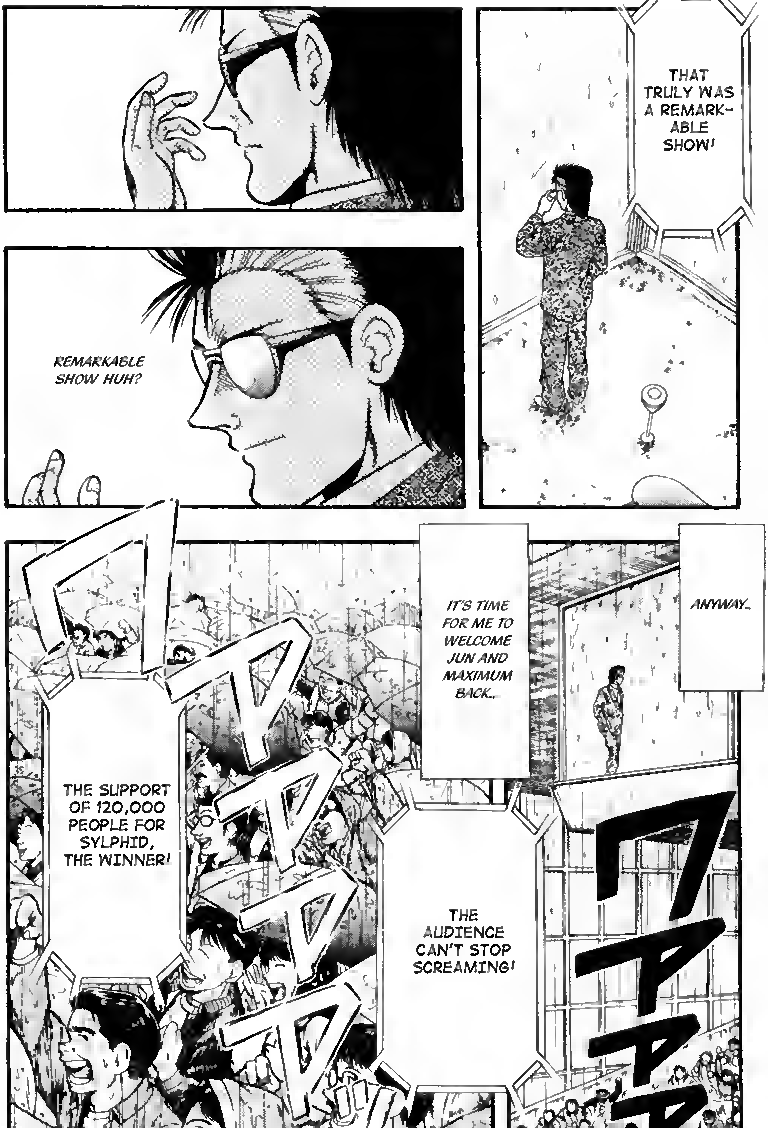

SYLPHID!
SYLPHID!
SYLPHID!
SYLPHID!
THERE!
YUUKI-SAN
YOU SHOULD GO THERE BY YOURSELF
THIS IS A SPECIAL SPOT FOR THE WINNER.
YUUKI-SAN, WAIT!
HUH?




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THANK YOU...
MORI-KAWA...?
THANK YOU SO MUCH!
THAT WAS THE BEST RACE EVER.
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IF I WON THAT RACE, THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN THE BEST RACE FOR ME. IF I LOST, IT'D BE THE WORST ONE.
BUT
FOR ME, WINNING IS EVERY-THING
I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT WAY AND I ALWAYS WILL.


YOU WERE RIGHT. THIS WAS THE BEST RACE EVER!
TODAY WAS FUN
AH...
COME ON MAX
THE RACE IS OVER!
THE AUDIENCE CLAPS FOR THE TWO JOCKEYS, WHO GAVE THEM THE BEST PER-- FORMANCE EVER!
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THAT TRULY WAS A REMARK-ABLE SHOW!
REMARKABLE SHOW HUH?
ANYWAY..
IT'S TIME FOR ME TO WELCOME JUN AND MAXIMUM BACK..
THE SUPPORT OF 120,000 PEOPLE FOR SYLPHID, THE WINNER!
THE AUDIENCE CAN'T STOP SCREAMING!

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WHICH ONE?
HERE IT IS!
IT'S BEEN ALMOST A MONTH AFTER THE KITSUKA SHOU RACE. THE FANS HAVE STARTED TO TALK ABOUT THE NEXT BIG RACE, WHICH WILL ALSO BE THE LAST RACE OF THE YEAR.
WAAA
THE LAST WEEK OF NOVEMBER
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WAAA
WAAA
WAAA
WAAA
THE ARIMA KINEN RACE IS THE ANNUAL RACE THAT IS HELD IN DECEMBER. THE HORSES PARTICIPATING IN THIS RACE WERE CHOSEN BY HORSERACING FANS.
THE READERS' CHOICE!
CURRENT'S POSITION.
AH! YOU'RE RIGHT!
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
HEY MIYUKI! AREN'T YOU GOING TO SEE IT TOO?
HE WAS THE WINNER OF KITSUKA SHOU YOU KNOW!
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE THAT SYLPHID WASN'T CHOSEN!

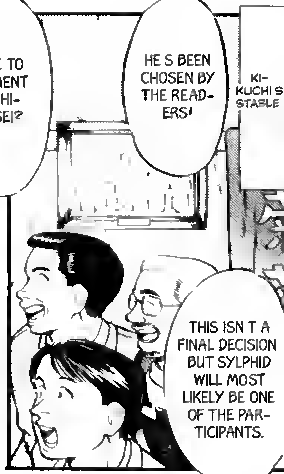


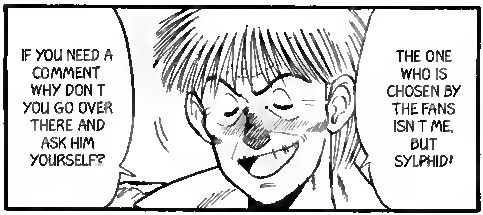
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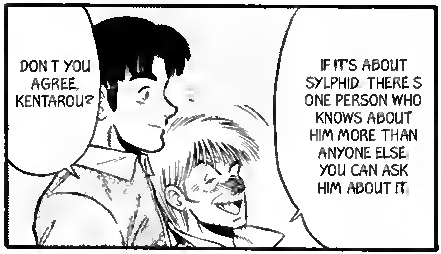
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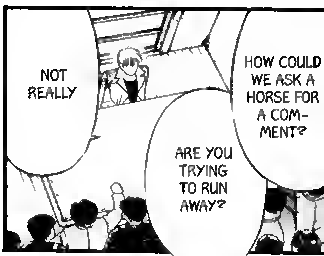
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COMMENT HUH? LISTEN!
CARE TO COMMENT KIKUCHI-SENSEI?


HE S BEEN CHOSEN BY THE READ-ERS!
KI-KUCHI S STABLE
THIS ISN T A FINAL DECISION BUT SYLPHID WILL MOST LIKELY BE ONE OF THE PAR-TICIPANTS.

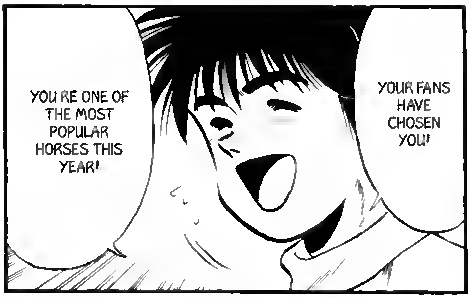

IF YOU NEED A COMMENT WHY DON T YOU GO OVER THERE AND ASK HIM YOURSELF?
THE ONE WHO IS CHOSEN BY THE FANS ISN T ME, BUT SYLPHID!


DON T YOU AGREE, KENTAROU?
IF IT'S ABOUT SYLPHID THERE S ONE PERSON WHO KNOWS ABOUT HIM MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE. YOU CAN ASK HIM ABOUT IT.

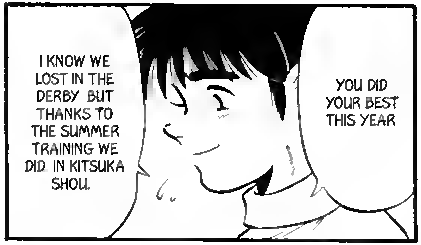

NOT REALLY
HOW COULD WE ASK A HORSE FOR A COM-MENT?
ARE YOU TRYING TO RUN AWAY?

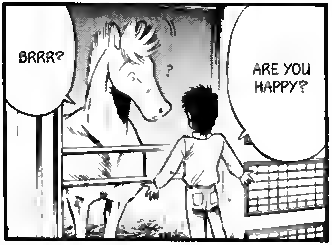

MORIKAWA -KUN! COULD YOU GIVE US A WORD OR TWO ABOUT SYLPHID?
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IF YOU RE LOOKING FOR HIM HE'LL BE IN THE STABLE WITH SYLPHID!
LET'S GO!

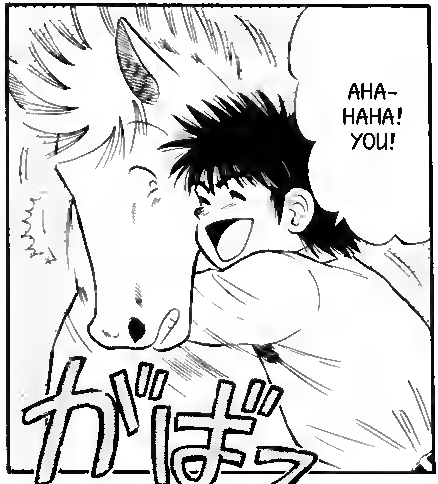

I GET IT!
A PERSON WHO UN-DERSTANDS SYLPHID MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE?
MORIKAWA-KUN!


YOUR FANS HAVE CHOSEN YOU!
YOU'RE ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR HORSES THIS YEAR!

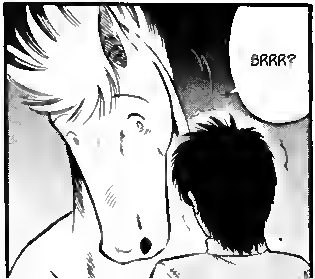

WE DID IT, SYLPHID!


YOU DID YOUR BEST THIS YEAR
I KNOW WE LOST IN THE DERBY BUT THANKS TO THE SUMMER TRAINING WE DID IN KITSUKA SHOU.


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ARE YOU HAPPY?

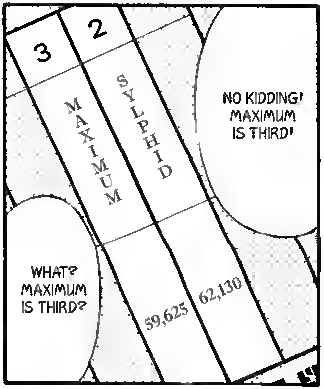

AHA~ HAHA! YOU!
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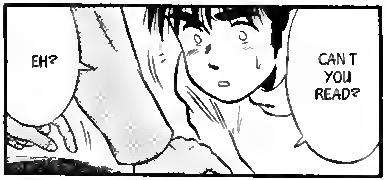

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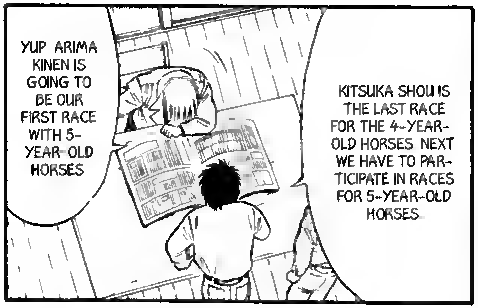

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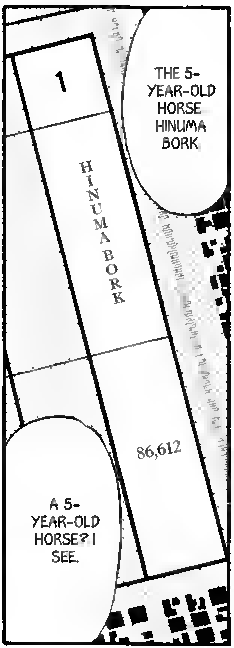

HEE HEE HEE
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HERE'S YOUR TREAT!
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ARE YOU PRETENDING YOU DON'T KNOW ANY-THING?
AH
TEE HEE
SYLPHID GOT A TOTAL OF 60 000 VOTES AND YET HE S ONLY IN SECOND PLACE
I KNOW YOU RE EXTREMELY HAPPY FOR YOUR VICTORY BUT... TAKE A LOOK AT THIS!
WHAT? SECOND PLACE?
GOOD JOB HAYAO! PEOPLE WILL THINK YOU'RE INTERESTING AND YOU'LL GET YOURSELF MORE FANS!
SO YOUR SILLY FACE WILL BE PUT IN THE NEWSPAPER TOMOR-ROW?
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WAHAHA-HAHA!



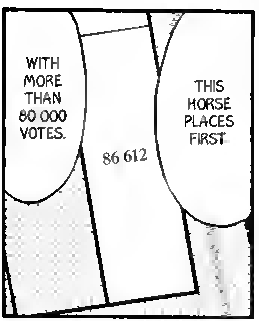




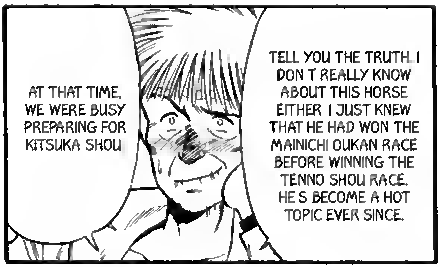


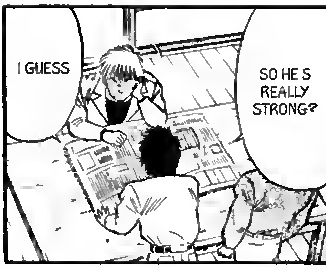


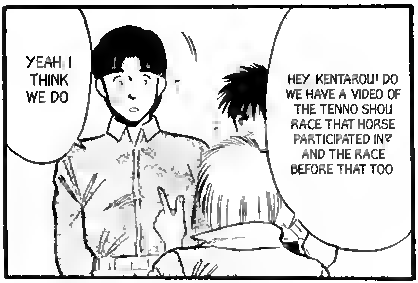


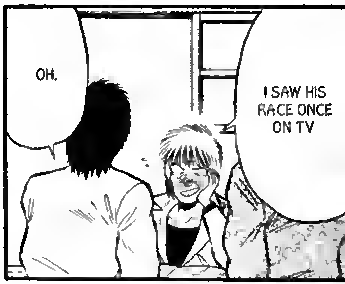


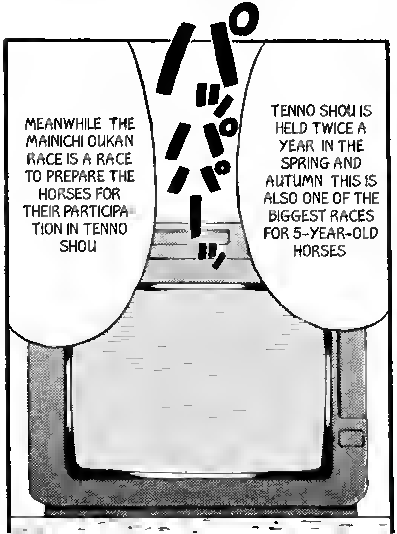
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AT THAT TIME, WE WERE BUSY PREPARING FOR KITSUKA SHOU
TELL YOU THE TRUTH. I DON T REALLY KNOW ABOUT THIS HORSE EITHER. I JUST KNEW THAT HE HAD WON THE MAINICHI OUKAN RACE BEFORE WINNING THE TENNO SHOU RACE. HE S BECOME A HOT TOPIC EVER SINCE.

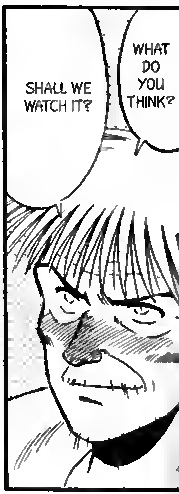

I GUESS
SO HE S REALLY STRONG?


YEAH. I THINK WE DO
HEY KENTAROU! DO WE HAVE A VIDEO OF THE TENNO SHOU RACE THAT HORSE PARTICIPATED IN? AND THE RACE BEFORE THAT TOO


OH.
I SAW HIS RACE ONCE ON TV


MEANWHILE THE MAINICHI OUKAN RACE IS A RACE TO PREPARE THE HORSES FOR THEIR PARTICIPA TION IN TENNO SHOU
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TENNO SHOU IS HELD TWICE A YEAR IN THE SPRING AND AUTUMN. THIS IS ALSO ONE OF THE BIGGEST RACES FOR 5-YEAR-OLD HORSES

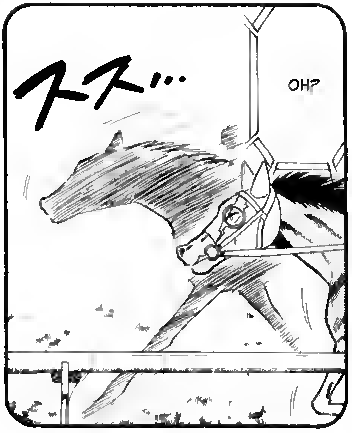

LET'S DO IT!


SHALL WE WATCH IT?
WHAT DO YOU THINK?

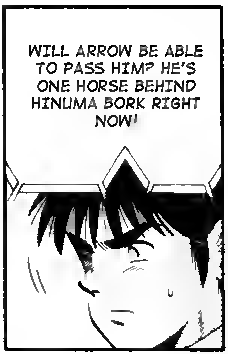

AH!
NUMBER 9 HINUMA BORK...
IT'S HELD AT TOKYO RACE-COURSE WITH AN 1800 METERS LONG DISTANCE AND ABOUT 10 HORSES TAKE PART.
HE'S WEARING BLINDERS SO WE CAN'T SEE HIS EYES
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HIS FUR IS WHITE! JUST LIKE SYLPHID!
WAS HORSE NUMBER 2
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THE MOST POPULAR ONE...
EH?
IN THIS RACE HINUMA BORK WASN'T THE MOST POPULAR HORSE.

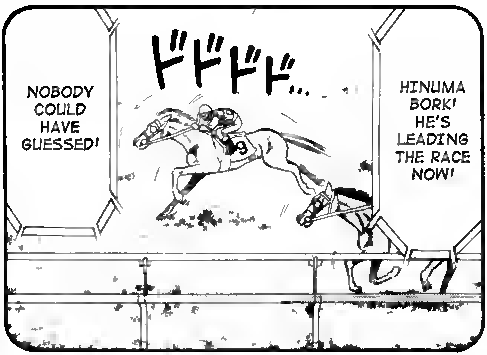

IDATEN ARROW
AMONGST THE 5-YEAR-OLD HORSES HE WAS THE MOST POPULAR ONE
BUT
IN THIS RACE, HE WAS LEADING THE RACE UP UNTIL THE HALF-WAY POINT.
PEOPLE THOUGHT HE WOULD KEEP LEADING THE RACE AND WIN IT
YES! THE MAINICHI OUKAN RACE HAS NOW BEGUN!
EVERYONE IS PAYING ATTENTION TO HORSE NUMBER 2, IDATEN ARROW!
HE'S JUMPING FORWARD!
HE'S READY TO WIN THIS RACE!

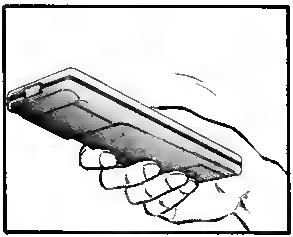

THAT HORSE IS ..
THERE IS ONE HORSE WHO'S TRYING TO BEAT ARROW!

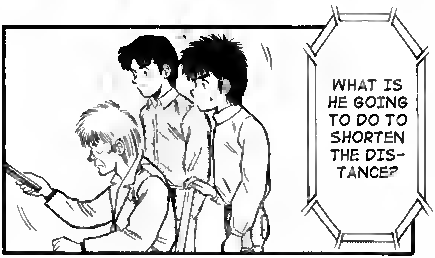

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OH?


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HORSE NUMBER 9!

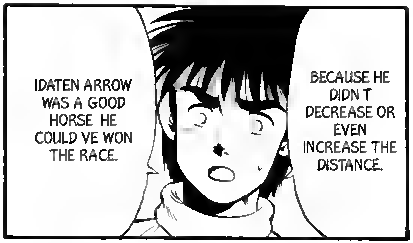

WILL ARROW BE ABLE TO PASS HIM? HE'S ONE HORSE BEHIND HINUMA BORK RIGHT NOW!


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NOBODY COULD HAVE GUESSED!
HINUMA BORK! HE'S LEADING THE RACE NOW!



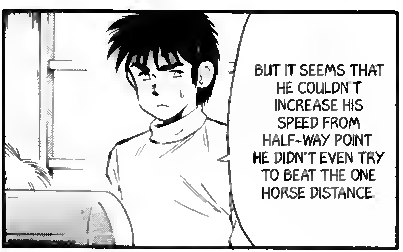

WHAT IS HE GOING TO DO TO SHORTEN THE DISTANCE?


AH! KIKUCHI-SENSEI!
WHY DID YOU SKIP FORWARD?
THE RACE ONLY JUST STARTED!
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HUH?
THE RACE DOESN'T CHANGE.
THEY KEEP RUNNING LIKE THAT FROM THE HALF-WAY POINT TO THE END. THEY DON'T DO ANYTHING DIFFERENT
THE DISTANCE BETWEEN HIM AND ARROW IS ABOUT ONE HORSE!
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GOAL IN! HINUMA BORK WON THE RACE!
YOU'RE RIGHT.
SEE? IT WASN'T INTERESTING AT ALL
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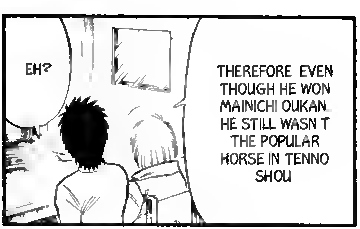


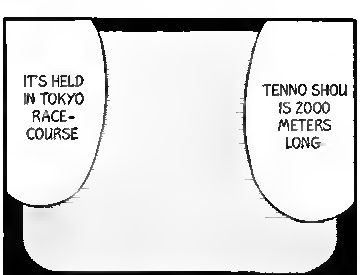










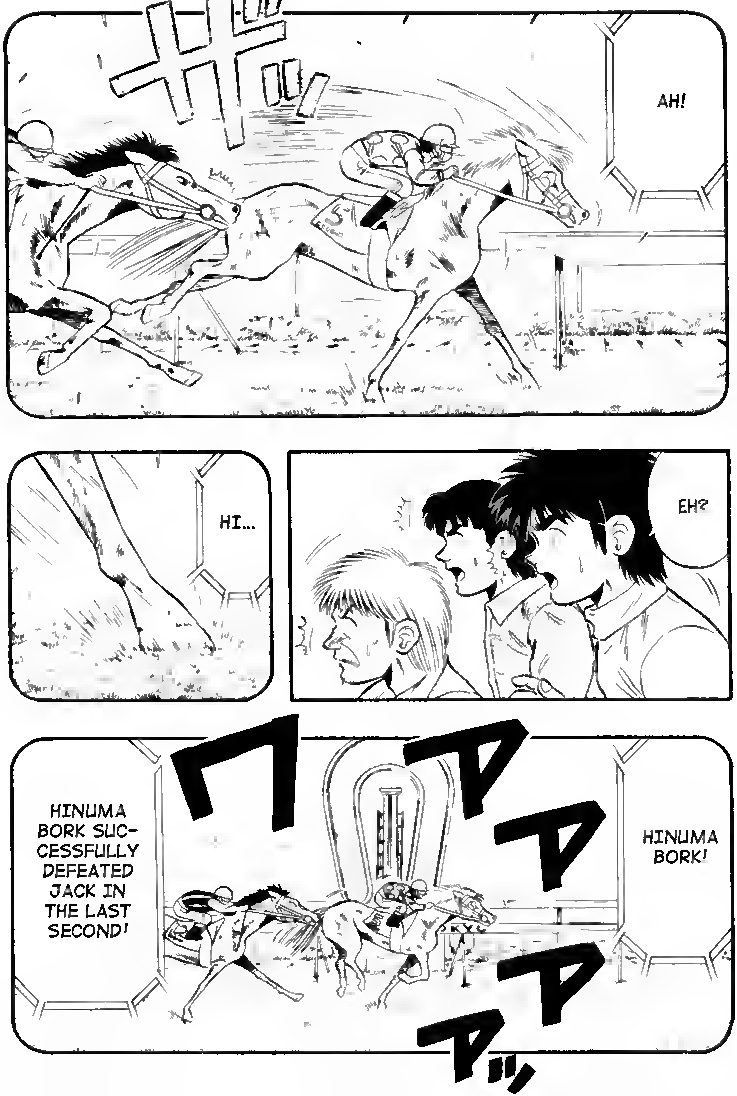


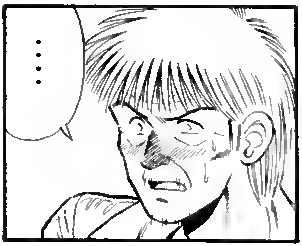
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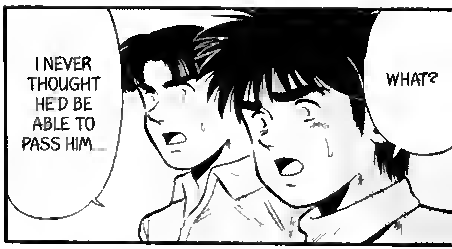

LET'S WATCH THE VIDEO
FROM RIGHT BEFORE THEY CROSSED THE FINISH LINE.
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A SECOND BEFORE THE FINISH LINE HE HAD SUCCESSFULLY PASSED HINUMA BORK AND EVERYONE THOUGHT THAT HE'D WIN THE RACE.
HE'S THE TYPE OF HORSE WHO WILL USE HIS BACK LEGS FOR THE LAST STRAIGHT LINE. PRETTY MUCH LIKE SYLPHID
LEADING THE RACE IS HINUMA BORK, THE WINNER OF THE MAINICHI OUKAN RACE, BUT—
AFTER THE FOURTH CORNER, THE HORSES ARE NOW READY FOR THE LAST STRAIGHT LINE!
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YES! THE RACE IS IN ITS CLIMAX!
AH! THE DISTANCE BETWEEN THEM IS ONLY ONE HORSE! AGAIN!
THE MOST POPULAR HORSE, LUMBERJACK, IS TRYING TO DEFEAT HIM!
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HINUMA BORK IS STILL LEADING THE RACE!
THE END IS 300 METERS AWAY!
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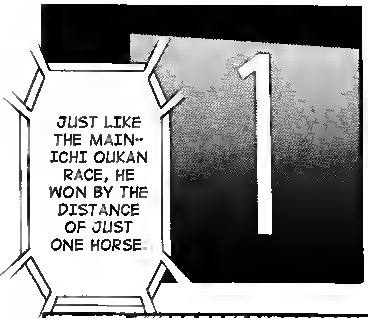

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ONLY ONE HORSE'S DISTANCE! IT'S NOT GOING TO BE HARD FOR HIM TO PASS IT!
LUMBER-JACK IS READY TO INCREASE HIS SPEED!
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LUMBER JACK'S LEGS HIT THE GROUND PER-FECTLY!
LOOK!
THE JOCKEY IS STARTING TO USE HIS WHIP!
THE GOAL IS ONLY 100 METERS AWAY! JACK'S STILL LEADING THE RACE!
THE DISTANCE HAS DE-CREASED! IS THIS THE END FOR HINUMA BORK?
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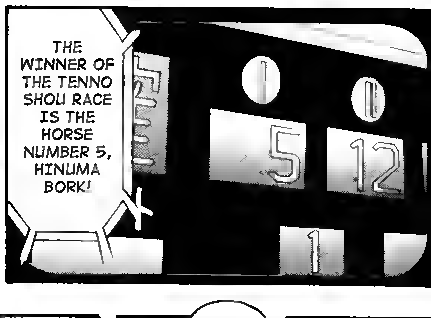

WHO'LL WIN THE RACE?
ONLY 50 METERS AWAY, FOLKS!
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THEY'RE PARALLEL NOW!
IS HINUMA BORK EXHAUSTED ALREADY?
HE'S PASSED BORK NOW!
AWESOME! HIS BACK LEGS ARE JUST AS STRONG AS SYLPHID!
THEY'RE PARALLEL AGAIN NOW!
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IS THIS THE END FOR HINUMA BORK?
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LUMBER JACK IS LEADING THE RACE!
THE GOAL IS RIGHT IN FRONT OF THEM!

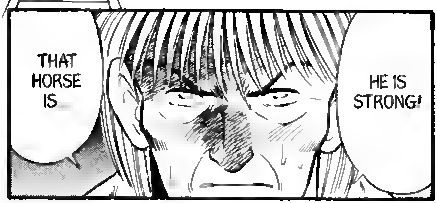

AH!
HI...
EH?
HINUMA BORK SUCCESSFULLY DEFEATED JACK IN THE LAST SECOND!
HINUMA BORK!


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I NEVER THOUGHT HE'D BE ABLE TO PASS HIM...
WHAT?

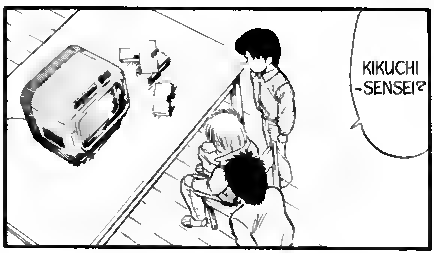

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JUST LIKE THE MAIN-ICHI OUKAN RACE, HE WON BY THE DISTANCE OF JUST ONE HORSE.


THE WINNER OF THE TENNO SHOU RACE IS THE HORSE NUMBER 5, HINUMA BORK!
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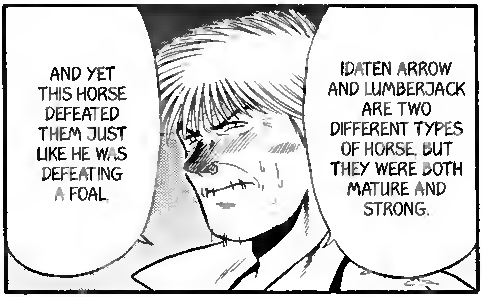

THAT HORSE IS...
HE IS STRONG!


EH?
STRONG

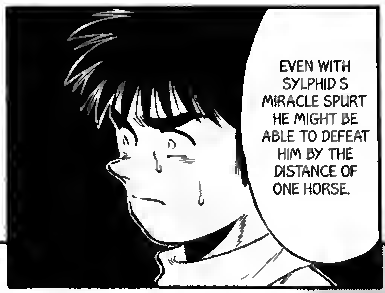

ONLY ONE HORSE DIS-TANCE...

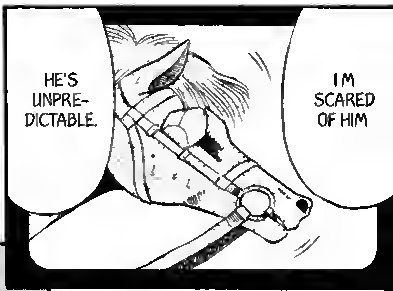

KIKUCHI -SENSEI?


HUH?
IS THAT A FACE OF A HORSE WHO THOUGHT THAT HE'D BE DEFEATED ANY SECOND?
LOOK CAREFULLY HAYAO
HE DIDN'T LEAD THE RACE UNTIL A SECOND BEFORE THE FINISH LINE AND THE DISTANCE BETWEEN HIM AND JACK WAS ONLY ONE HORSE LONG
DO YOU REALLY THINK SO?
WHY DIDN'T HE RUN FASTER TO INCREASE THE DISTANCE BETWEEN HIM AND THE HORSE BEHIND HIM?!
WHAT?!
HE DIDN'T EVEN USE HALF OF HIS FULL POWER
HE ISN'T EVEN OUT OF BREATH
IN ORDER TO WIN THE RACE WITHOUT WASTING HIS ENERGY HE DID IT ON PURPOSE.
AS LONG AS HE KNEW HE'D WIN IT WAS ENOUGH FOR HIM TO WIN THE RACE JUST BY ONE HORSE LONG DISTANCE.
EH?
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HE DID IT ON PURPOSE.













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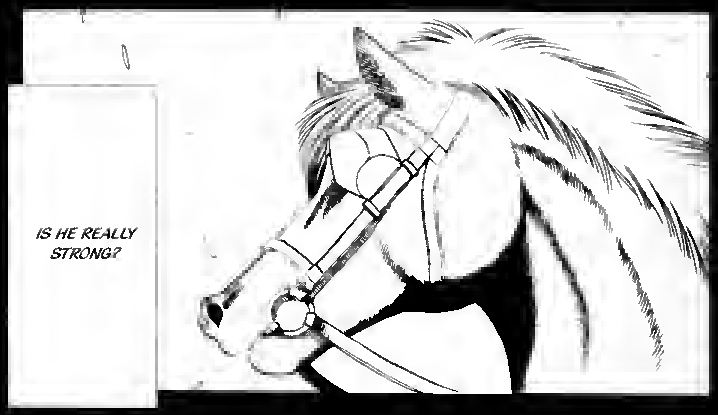
THE READERS' CHOICE!

CURRENT POSITION.

1 HINUMA BORK

2 SYLPHID

A 5-YEAR-OLD HORSE WHO WON THE TENNO SHOU RACE LAST FALL...



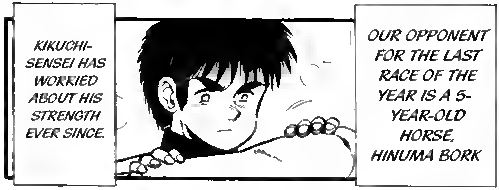
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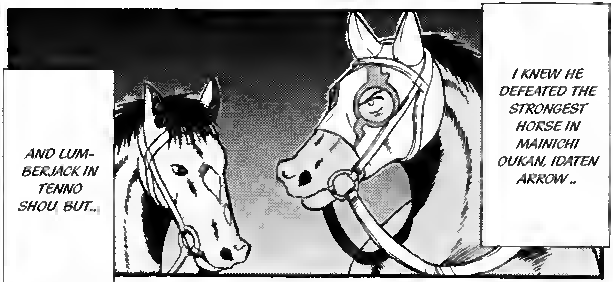


KIKUCHI-SENSEI HAS WORRIED ABOUT HIS STRENGTH EVER SINCE.

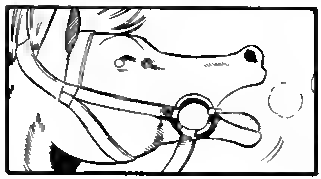
OUR OPPONENT FOR THE LAST RACE OF THE YEAR IS A 5-YEAR-OLD HORSE, HINUMA BORK

I DIDN'T KNOW IF THOSE DEFEATED HORSES REALLY WERE STRONG OR NOT.

AND LUMBERJACK IN TENNO SHOU BUT..



I KNEW HE DEFEATED THE STRONGEST HORSE IN MAINICHI OUKAN, IDATEN AKROW..



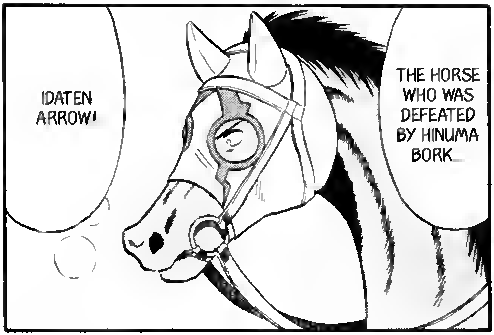
I WON'T DOUBT THEIR POWER

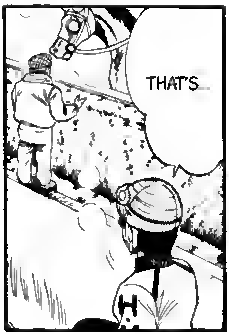


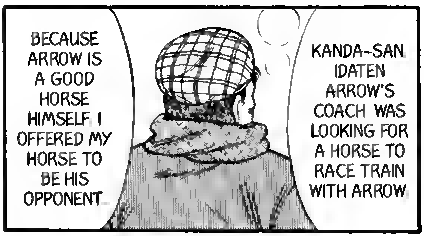


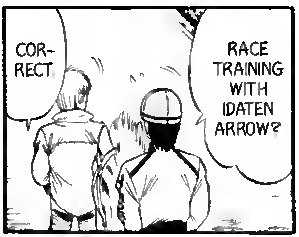
SYLPHID'S BIGGEST RIVALS SO FAR HAVE BEEN MAXIMUM, SHAO TSUAN LON, AND KAZAMA GOLD


KIKUCHI-SENSEI SAID THAT YOU'LL BE DOING SOME RACE TRAINING TODAY!
IF YOU'RE READY, GO TO THE TRACK
AH TANI-MURA-SAN!
KIKUCHI-SENSEI?
WHO WITH?
WHAT? RACE TRAIN-ING?
HUH?
I HEARD WE'LL BE DOING RACE TRAIN-ING? WHO'S OUR OPPO-NENT?
HIM!
YOU'RE HERE.
OH

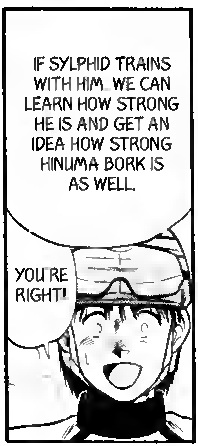

IDATEN ARROW!
THE HORSE WHO WAS DEFEATED BY HINUMA BORK...

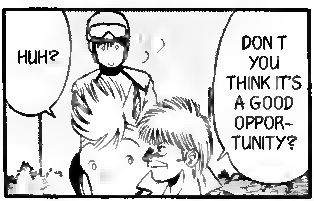

THAT'S...

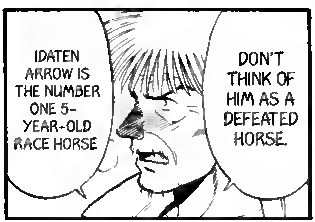

BECAUSE ARROW IS A GOOD HORSE HIMSELF, I OFFERED MY HORSE TO BE HIS OPPONENT.
KANDA-SAN, IDATEN ARROW'S COACH, WAS LOOKING FOR A HORSE TO RACE TRAIN WITH ARROW.


CORRECT.
RACE TRAINING WITH IDATEN ARROW?


HEY! GOOD MORNING, MORIKAWA-KUN!
GO... GOOD MORNING!


IF SYLPHID TRAINS WITH HIM, WE CAN LEARN HOW STRONG HE IS AND GET AN IDEA HOW STRONG HINUMA BORK IS AS WELL.
YOU'RE RIGHT!

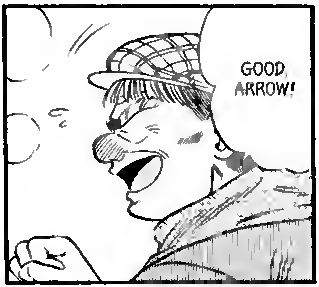

HUH?
DON'T YOU THINK IT'S A GOOD OPPORTUNITY?


IDATEN ARROW IS THE NUMBER ONE 5-YEAR-OLD RACE HORSE.
DON'T THINK OF HIM AS A DEFEATED HORSE.

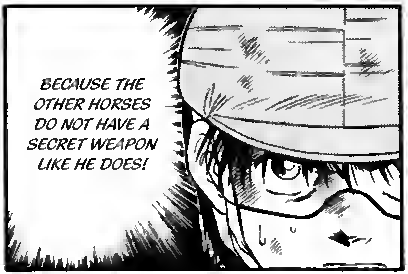

PLEASE THINK OF THIS TRAIN-ING AS A REAL RACE!
HOW FAST HE CAN RUN AGAINST SYLPHID WHO HAS MIRACLE LEGS...
I'M SORRY FOR THE TROUBLE!
I WANT TO MEASURE ARROW'S POWER TODAY
REAL RACE?
HUH?
IF THERE WAS A CHANCE?
YOU WERE SAYING... I COULD DEFEAT HIM...
HAYAO...
IF YOU COULDN'T DO IT, THIS TRAIN-ING WOULD BE POINTLESS WOULDN'T IT?
YES OF COURSE!



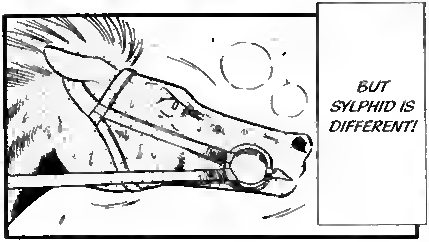
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GOOD ARROW!

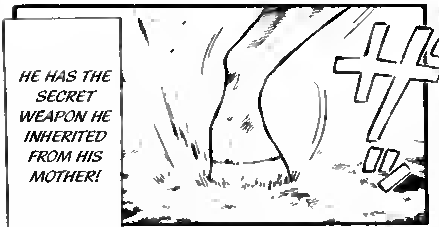

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BECAUSE THE OTHER HORSES DO NOT HAVE A SECRET WEAPON LIKE HE DOES!

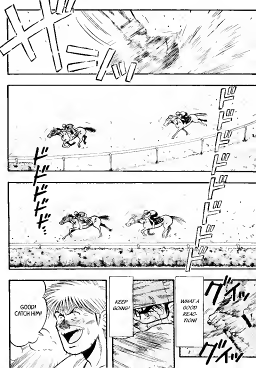

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THERE IS ONE REASON WHY I CAN'T COMPARE HINUMA BORK TO THE HORSES HE'S DEFEATED


BUT SYLPHID IS DIFFERENT!


THEY DIDN'T HAVE A PARTICULAR STYLE AT ALL!
IDATEN ARROW AND HINUMA BORK JUST RAN ALL THE WAY TO THE FINISH LINE.


HE HAS THE SECRET WEAPON HE INHERITED FROM HIS MOTHER!


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WHITE LIGHTNING'S MIRACULOUS BACK LEGS!
GO SYLPHID!
THE LAST CORNER!
HE'S GOING TO CATCH YOU UP, ARROW!
HAYAO!
BRRR!


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GOOD! CATCH HIM!
KEEP GOING!
WHAT A GOOD REAC-TION!
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DID YOU SEE THAT?
THIS IS SYLPHID'S SECRET WEAPON!
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!?
AS LONG AS SYLPHID HAS THESE LEGS...
IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW OLD HIS OPPONENT IS...
EH?


EVEN THOUGH SYLPHID IS BEING SERIOUS...
THE JOCKEY HAS BEEN HOLDING HIS BRIDLE ALL ALONG! HE DIDN'T USE ALL HIS POWER!
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GO ARROW!
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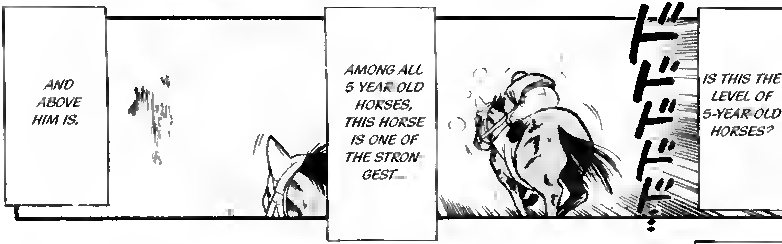


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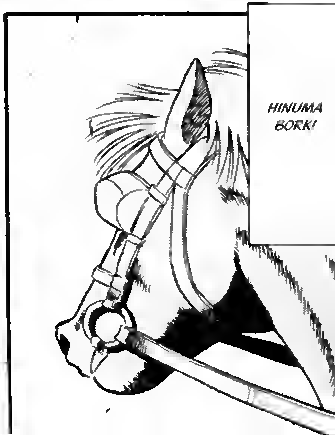
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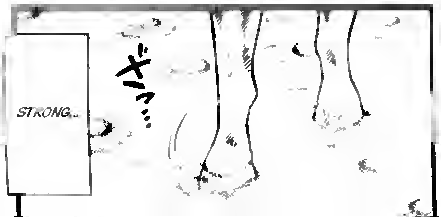

WE CAN'T CATCH HIM UP!

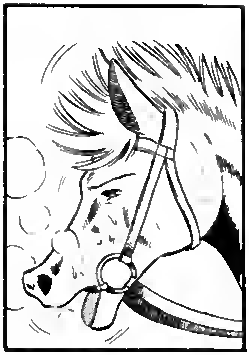

WE CAN'T!

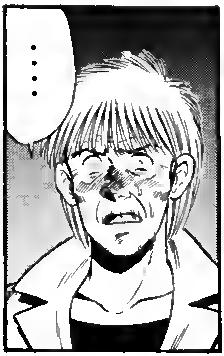

AND ABOVE HIM IS,
AMONG ALL 5 YEAR OLD HORSES, THIS HORSE IS ONE OF THE STRONGEST...
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IS THIS THE LEVEL OF 5-YEAR OLD HORSES?

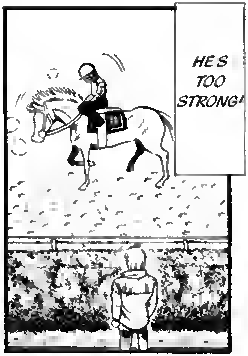

YOU RAN WELL ARROW
GOOD JOB BOY

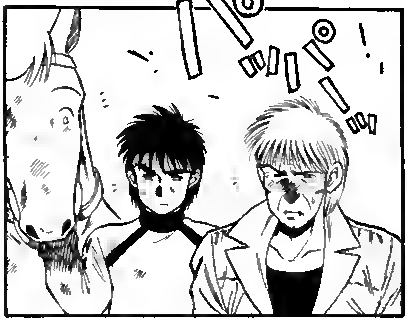

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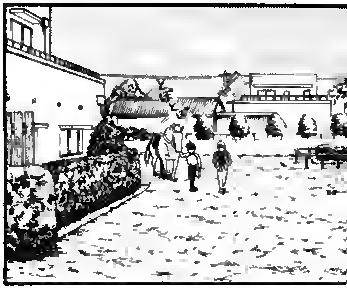

STRONG...
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HE'S TOO STRONG!

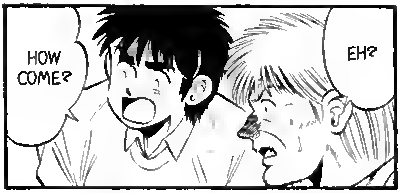

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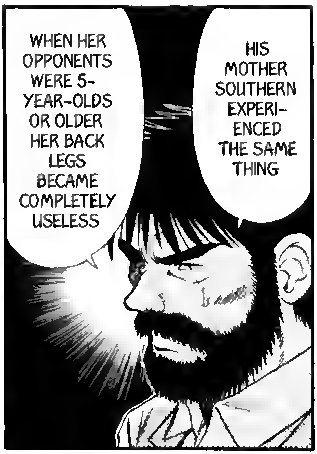


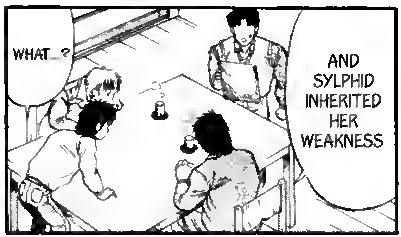

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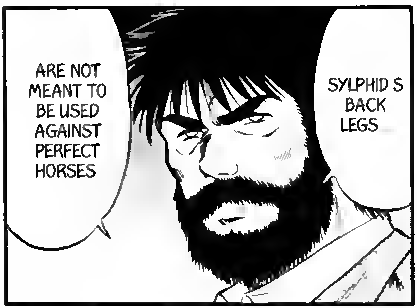

AH!
HAYAO-KUN! YOU'VE GOT A VISITOR!
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EH?
THERE'S SOMETHING I HAVE TO TELL YOU ABOUT SYLPHID...
BEFORE YOU FACE ARIMA KINEN...
WHAT'S GOING ON? WHY ARE YOU HERE ALL OF A SUDDEN?
THAT'S...
YEAH...
HIS BACK LEGS ARE USELESS?
KIKUCHI
5-YEAR-OLD HORSES?
THEY'RE USELESS AGAINST THE 5-YEAR-OLD HORSES
HUH?
I CAME HERE TO TALK ABOUT THAT.
DADDY...?
WHAT?
JUST AS I THOUGHT.


HOW COME?
EH?

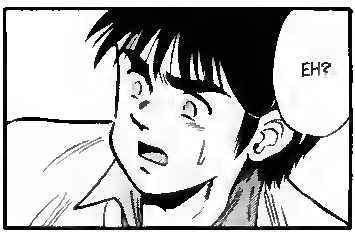

WHEN HER OPPONENTS WERE 5-YEAR-OLDS OR OLDER HER BACK LEGS BECAME COMPLETELY USELESS
HIS MOTHER SOUTHERN EXPERI-ENCED THE SAME THING

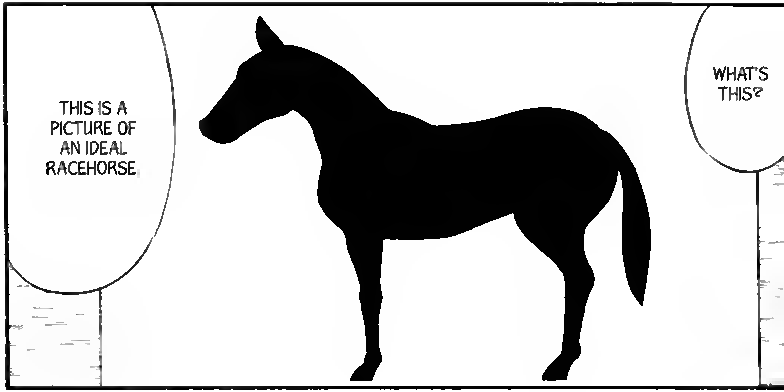

WHAT...?
AND SYLPHID INHERITED HER WEAKNESS

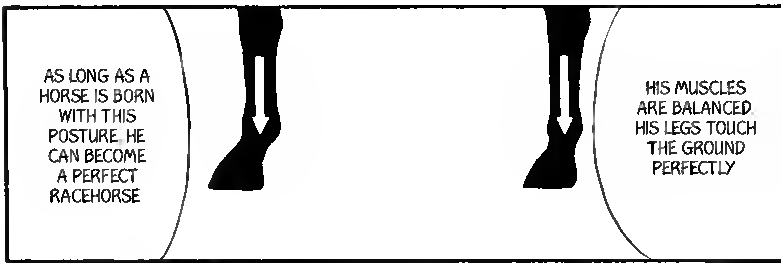

ARE NOT MEANT TO BE USED AGAINST PERFECT HORSES
SYLPHID S BACK LEGS

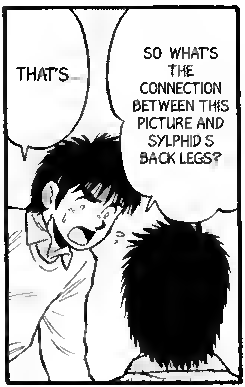

IN OTHER WORDS...
WHY? WHY DIDN T HIS BACK LEGS WORK?


W... WHAT'S THAT?
TAKE A LOOK AT THIS PICTURE

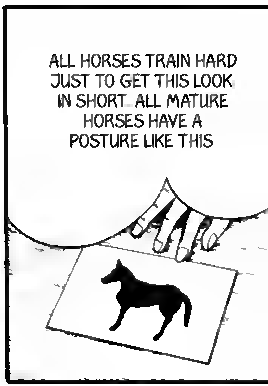

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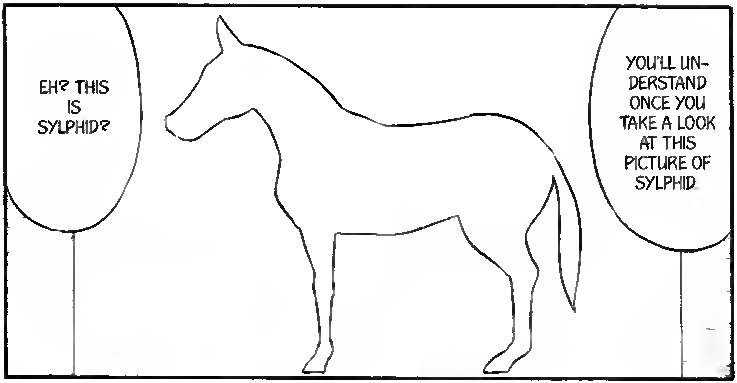

THIS IS A PICTURE OF AN IDEAL RACEHORSE
WHAT'S THIS?

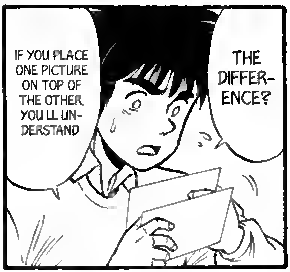

AS LONG AS A HORSE IS BORN WITH THIS POSTURE, HE CAN BECOME A PERFECT RACEHORSE
HIS MUSCLES ARE BALANCED. HIS LEGS TOUCH THE GROUND PERFECTLY

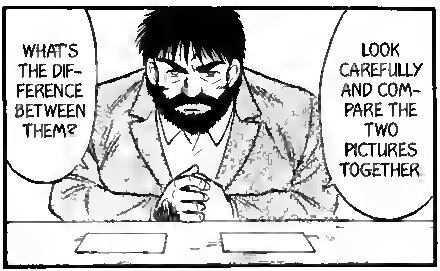

THAT'S...
SO WHAT'S THE CONNECTION BETWEEN THIS PICTURE AND SYLPHID'S BACK LEGS?

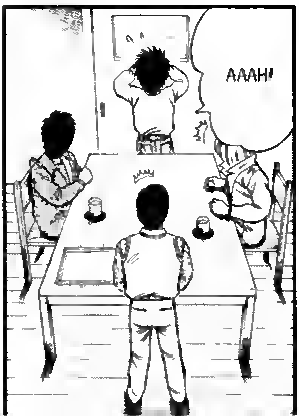

THAT'S WHY THEY'RE PERFECT
I BET IDATEN ARROW AND HINUMA BORK HAVE THIS POSTURE AS WELL


ALL HORSES TRAIN HARD JUST TO GET THIS LOOK IN SHORT, ALL MATURE HORSES HAVE A POSTURE LIKE THIS

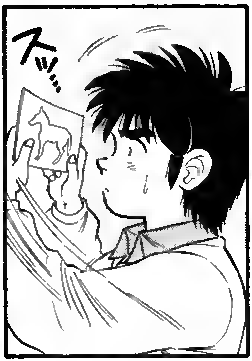






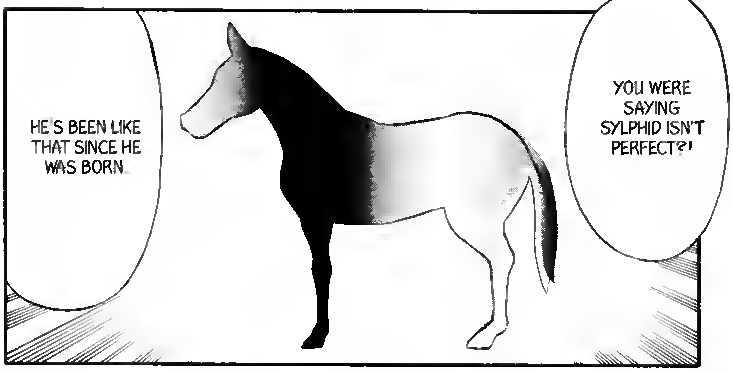






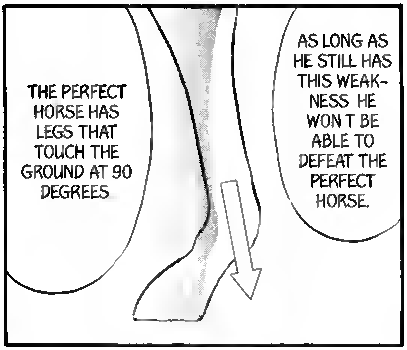
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HIS BACK LEGS DIDN'T TOUCH THE GROUND IN A STRAIGHT LINE!
SYLPHID'S BACK LEGS ARE WIDER!
AS LONG AS HIS POSTURE IS LIKE THIS...
AS LONG AS HIS POSTURE IS LIKE THIS, HE WON'T BE ABLE TO WIN AGAINST THE PERFECT HORSE.
WHAT?!
HE INHERITED THOSE LEGS FROM SOUTHERN. AND THAT'S THE MAIN REASON WHY HIS BACK LEGS ARE NOW USELESS
SYLPHID...?
FLAWED...?
HE'LL KEEP LOSING AND BE A FLAWED HORSE FOR THE REST OF HIS LIFE.

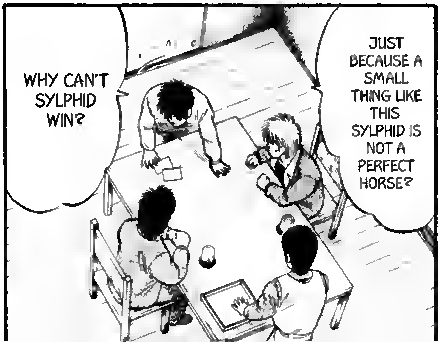

HE'S BEEN LIKE THAT SINCE HE WAS BORN.
YOU WERE SAYING SYLPHID ISN'T PERFECT?!

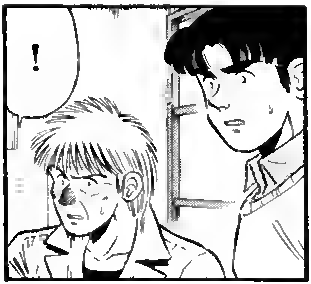


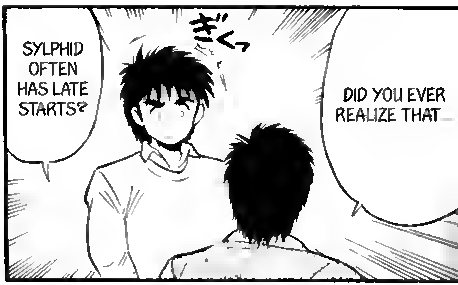

WHAT...?
WH

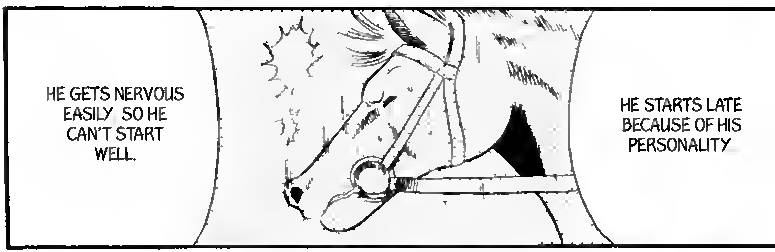

THE PERFECT HORSE HAS LEGS THAT TOUCH THE GROUND AT 90 DEGREES.
AS LONG AS HE STILL HAS THIS WEAK-NESS HE WON'T BE ABLE TO DEFEAT THE PERFECT HORSE.


TO MAKE IT SIM-PLER.

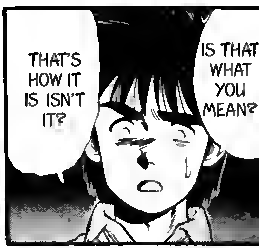

WHY CAN'T SYLPHID WIN?
JUST BECAUSE A SMALL THING LIKE THIS SYLPHID IS NOT A PERFECT HORSE?









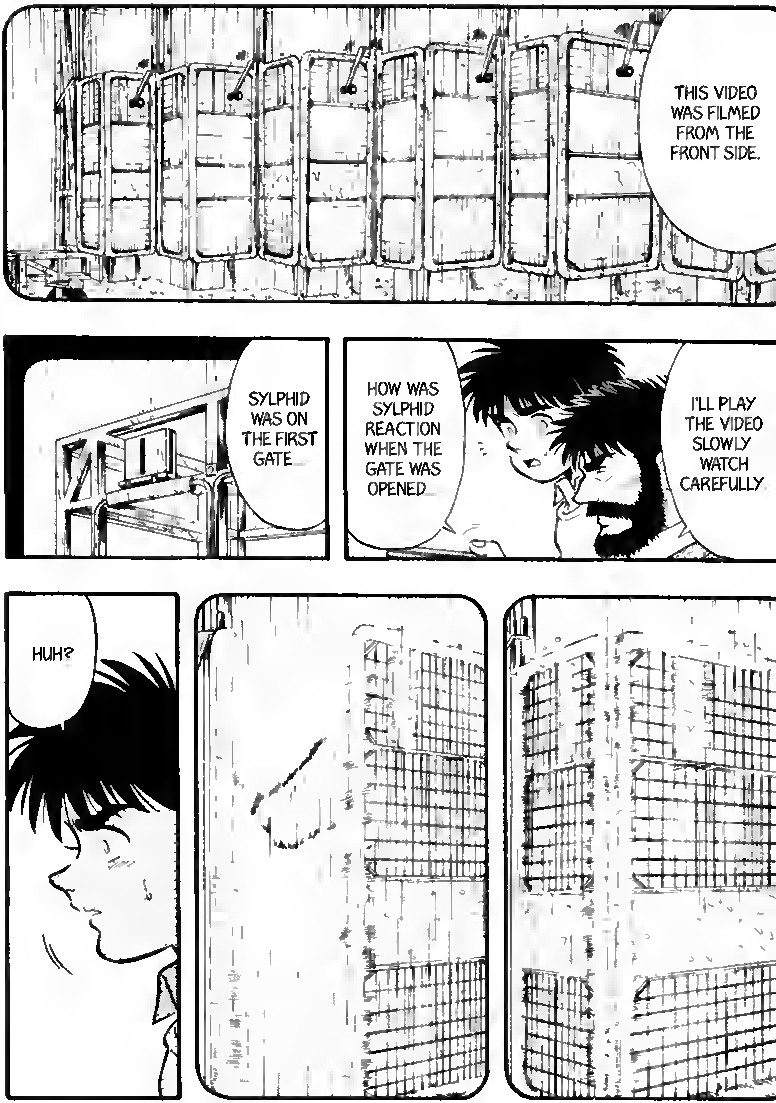


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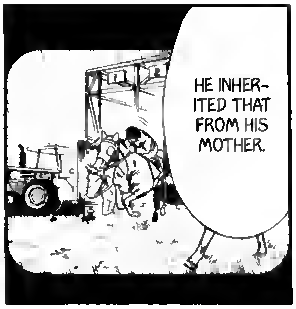
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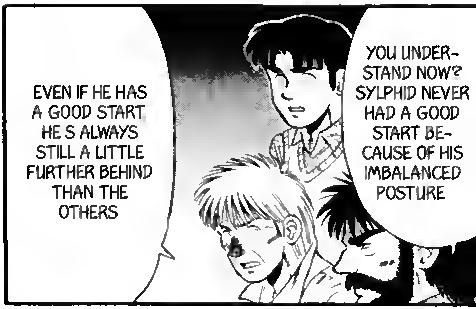
RACE 91: THE FATE OF THE NON-PERFECT HORSE

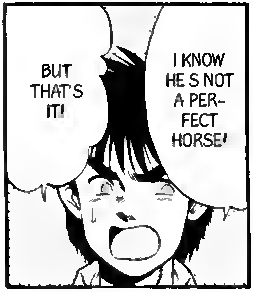

HORSE NUMBER 1, SYLPHID
HAS HAD A BAD START!
SYLPHID HAD A BAD START AT THAT TIME.
THE FIRST RACE AGAINST MAXIMUM AND KAZAMA GOLD THE RESULT SYLPHID PLACED THIRD.
THIS IS A VIDEO FROM ASAHI HAI LAST YEAR.
YOU'LL UNDERSTAND IF YOU WATCH THE OTHER VIDEOS
HERE.
BUT THAT WASN'T THE MAIN REASON
WE THOUGHT THAT HE WAS NERVOUS
AH!
THERE'S ANOTHER ONE?


THIS VIDEO WAS FILMED FROM THE FRONT SIDE.
SYLPHID WAS ON THE FIRST GATE...
HOW WAS SYLPHID REACTION WHEN THE GATE WAS OPENED...
I'LL PLAY THE VIDEO SLOWLY WATCH CAREFULLY
HUH?

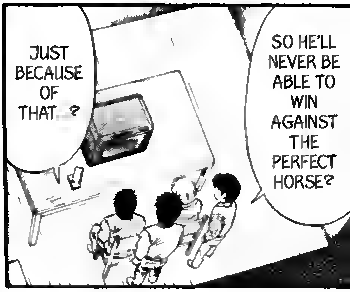

SYLPHID FELL BEHIND!
EH?
THAT'S WHAT HAP-PENED
HE'D LOST HIS BALANCE!
WASN'T HE SUPPOSED TO MOVE FORWARD?
HIS BACK LEGS MADE HIM LOSE HIS BALANCE AND FALL BEHIND. SO HE COULDN'T MOVE FORWARD.
WHEN HE LIFTED UP HIS FRONT LEGS...

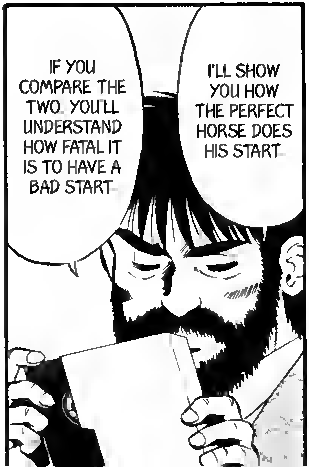








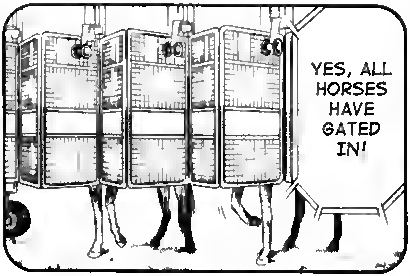


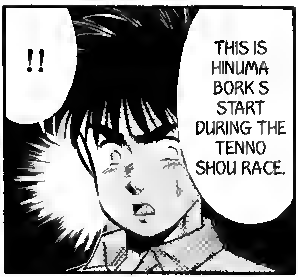


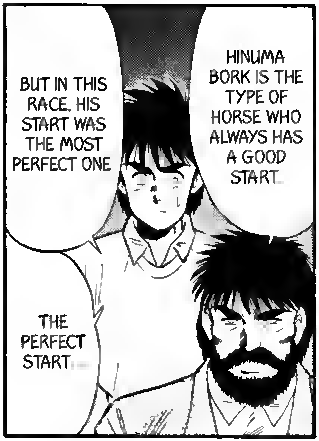


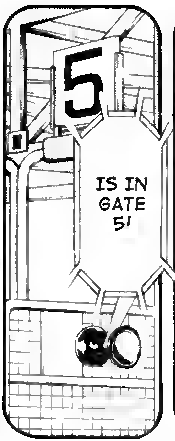


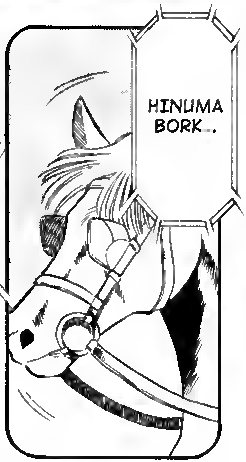
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YES, ALL HORSES HAVE GATED IN!

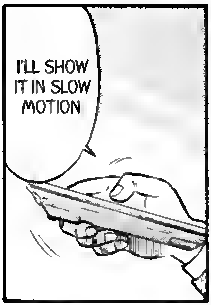

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THIS IS HINUMA BORK'S START DURING THE TENNO SHOU RACE.

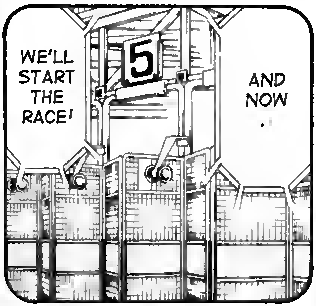

HINUMA BORK IS THE TYPE OF HORSE WHO ALWAYS HAS A GOOD START.
BUT IN THIS RACE, HIS START WAS THE MOST PERFECT ONE
THE PERFECT START...

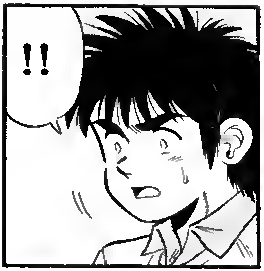

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IS IN GATE 5!

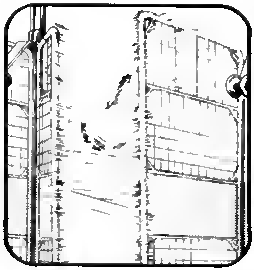

HINUMA BORK...

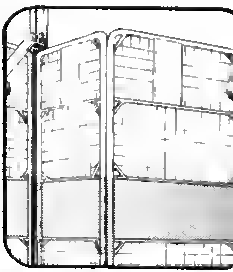

エナ...
WATCH CAREFULLY!


I'LL SHOW IT IN SLOW MOTION

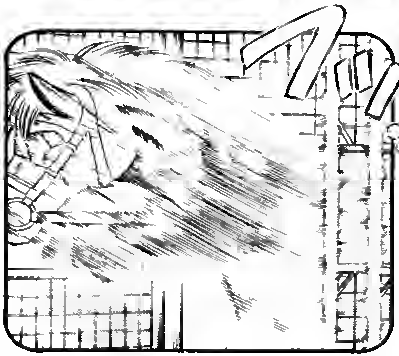

WE'LL START THE RACE!
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AND NOW...

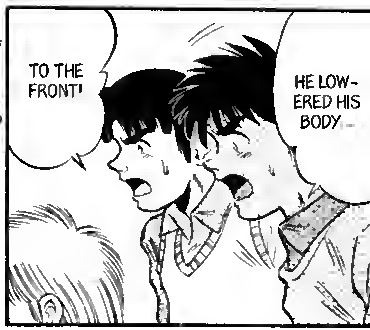

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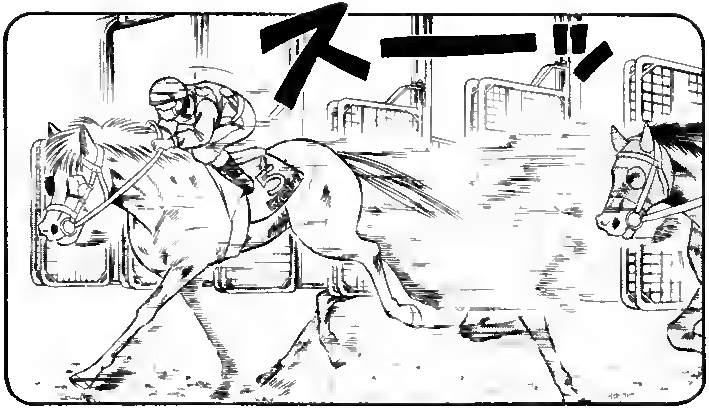


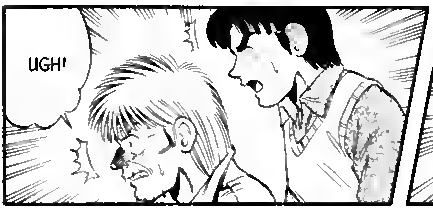




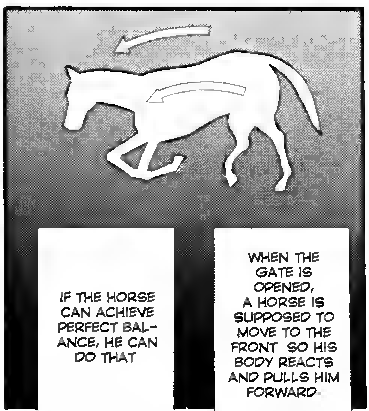



TO THE FRONT!
HE LOWERED HIS BODY...


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UGH!


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IF THE HORSE CAN ACHIEVE PERFECT BALANCE, HE CAN DO THAT
WHEN THE GATE IS OPENED, A HORSE IS SUPPOSED TO MOVE TO THE FRONT SO HIS BODY REACTS AND PULLS HIM FORWARD


YOU SEE, HAYAO? THAT WAS WHAT I CALL THE PERFECT START
HINUMA BORK HAD A GOOD START! IN JUST A SECOND, HE'S LEADING THE RACE!

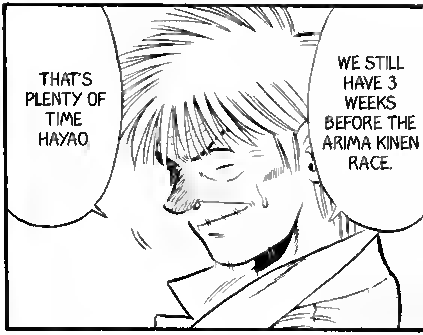

IF SYLPHID FACES HIM, THE DISTANCE BETWEEN THEM WILL ALREADY BE 2 HORSES FROM THE START
AS SOON AS THE GATE IS OPENED, HINUMA BORK IS ALREADY ONE HORSE FASTER THAN THE OTHERS.
IT...
T... TWO HORSES...
THE LEGS OF THE WHITE LIGHTNING...
HE INHERITED SOUTHERN'S MIRACULOUS LEGS!
SYLPHID WOULD BE ABLE TO CATCH HIM UP WITH HIS LAST SPURT!
IT'S JUST 2 HORSES!
HUH?
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN ALREADY HAYAO?

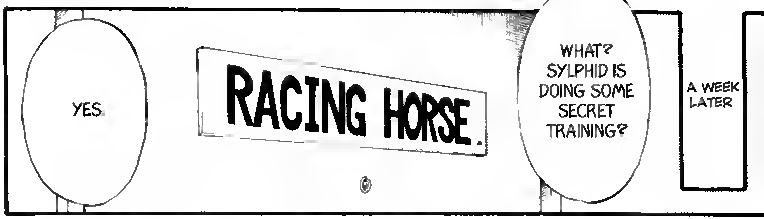

AH...
DURING THE RACE TRAINING WITH IDATEN ARROW SYLPHID'S MIRACULOUS LAST SPURT WAS COMPLETELY USELESS.
EVEN WITH THE HORSE WHO WAS DEFEATED BY HINUMA BORK IN MAINICHI OUKAN...
DO YOU KNOW WHY THE LEGS ARE USELESS?
EH?
HE WAS BORN WITH THE DESTINY TO HAVE A BAD START. THAT'S ALL! THE ONLY STRATEGY IS...
BUT HIS BODY...
HIS LEGS ARE INDEED MIRACULOUS...
HIS BACK LEGS ARE USELESS. HE'S NOT MATURE YET.
AND WITH HIS FIGHTING SPIRIT HE CAN DEFEAT HIS OPPONENTS
IN OTHER WORDS IT'S NOT THAT SYLPHID IS GOOD AT DOING A LAST SPURT. BUT THAT'S HIS ONLY STRATEGY TO WIN THE RACE.
TO SAVE HIS ENERGY FOR THE LAST SPURT


IF HE HAD A BAD START, HE WOULD BE 2 HORSES BEHIND FROM THE START AND EVENTUALLY LOSE THE RACE.
WHEN HE WAS AGAINST THE 4-YEAR-OLD HORSES WHO ALSO HAVEN'T MATURED YET, HE COULD STILL WIN THE RACE. BUT IF HE WAS AGAINST THE 5-YEAR-OLD HORSES, IT'D BE USELESS
HIS LAST SPURT...
USELESS? FLAWED?
AH—
SHE WOULDN'T HAVE GIVEN HIM HER BACK LEGS FOR NOTHING!
SOUTHERN WOULDN'T HAVE LET HIM INHERIT A SAD DESTINY LIKE THAT!
I DON'T WANT TO BELIEVE IT!
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
I DON'T BELIEVE IT...
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IT'S NOT THAT I DON'T BELIEVE YOU SIR...
KIKUCHI-SENSEI, YOU TOO...
SENSEI?
EH?
I DON'T BELIEVE IT EITHER!
NO...
YOU'RE NOT ASKING US TO GIVE IN TO THIS FATE, ARE YOU?
BUT...
I UNDERSTAND EVERYTHING YOU JUST SAID. IN HIS CURRENT CONDITION SYLPHID WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO DEFEAT THE MATURE HORSES...
EH?
LET'S MAKE HIM PERFECT BASED ON HIS PERSONALITY...
IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO MAKE SYLPHID A PERFECT HORSE RIGHT?
THEREFORE WHY DON'T WE DO SOMETHING?




THAT'S PLENTY OF TIME HAYAO.
WE STILL HAVE 3 WEEKS BEFORE THE ARIMA KINEN RACE.

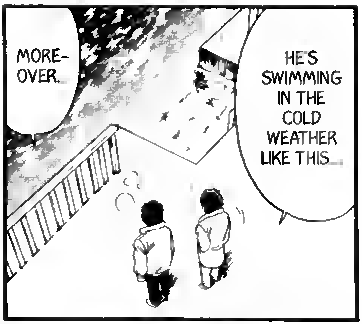

YES.
RACING HORSE
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WHAT? SYLPHID IS DOING SOME SECRET TRAINING?
A WEEK LATER

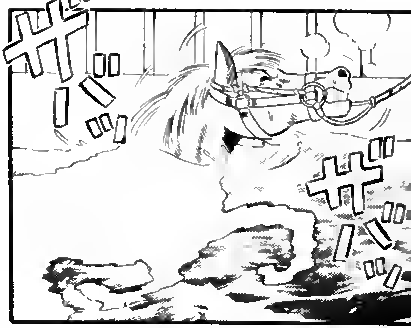

WHAT KIND OF TRAINING IS THAT? IS HE TRYING TO GET OUT OF THE GATE SOONER?
YEAH. I KNOW THAT HE ALWAYS HAD A BAD START BUT...

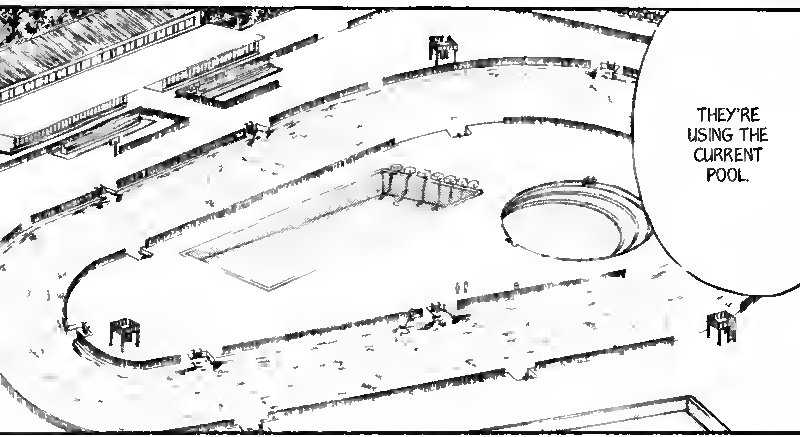

HE'S BEING TRAINED TO FIX HIS BAD START HABIT...
RACING HORSE MAGAZINE EDITORIAL ROOM
'BAD START HABIT'?

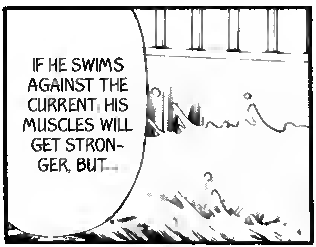

HUH?
I WOULD HAVE UNDERSTOOD IT IF THAT WAS WHAT THEY WERE DOING...

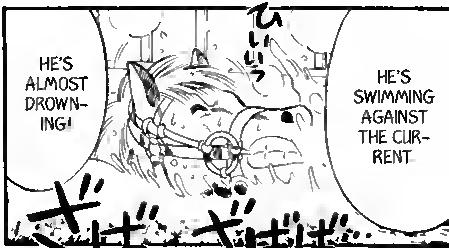

DO YOUR BEST SYLPHID!
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WH... WHAT THE...?


MORE-
OVER...
HE'S SWIMMING IN THE COLD WEATHER LIKE THIS...


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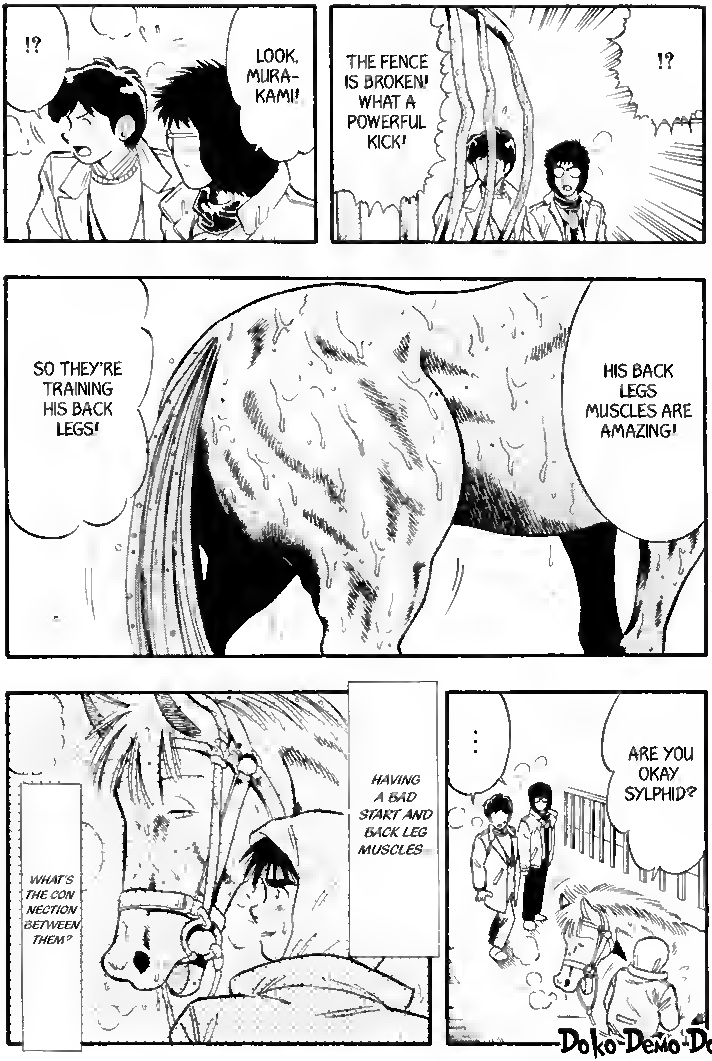

THEY'RE USING THE CURRENT POOL.

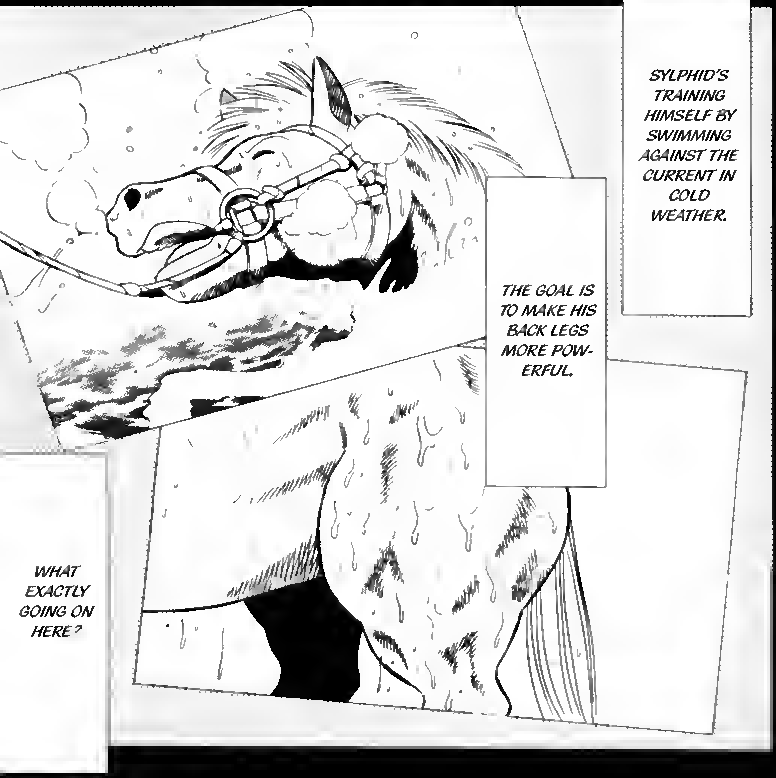

IF HE SWIMS AGAINST THE CURRENT, HIS MUSCLES WILL GET STRON-GER, BUT...


HE'S ALMOST DROWN-ING!
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HE'S SWIMMING AGAINST THE CUR-RENT.
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WHAT'S HE THINK-ING?
IT'S NOT ENOUGH TO FIX HIS BAD START.
YES SIR!
ENOUGH! LIFT HIM UP HAYAO!
JUST LOOKING AT HIM MAKES ME FEEL COLD
HE LOOKS SO COLD..
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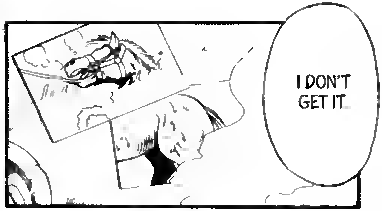

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ACH!
AH SYLPHID!
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HE'LL GET INJURED!
HIS LEGS WILL HIT THE IRON FENCE!


!?
LOOK, MURA-KAMI!
THE FENCE IS BROKEN! WHAT A POWERFUL KICK!
!?
SO THEY'RE TRAINING HIS BACK LEGS!
HIS BACK LEGS MUSCLES ARE AMAZING!
WHAT'S THE CON NECTION BETWEEN THEM?
HAVING A BAD START AND BACK LEG MUSCLES
...
ARE YOU OKAY SYLPHID?
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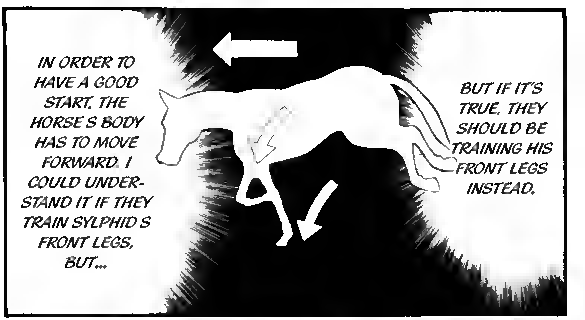
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THEY SAID THAT THIS TRAINING WAS TO FIX SYLPHID'S SAD START

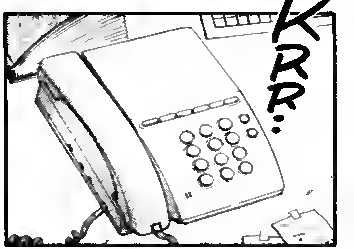

I DON'T GET IT.



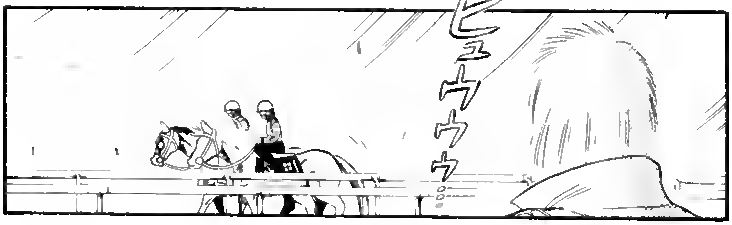

THEY'RE TRAINING SYLPHID'S BACK LEGS INSTEAD. WHY?

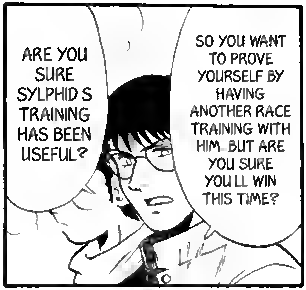

IN ORDER TO HAVE A GOOD START, THE HORSE'S BODY HAS TO MOVE FORWARD. I COULD UNDERSTAND IT IF THEY TRAIN SYLPHID'S FRONT LEGS, BUT...
BUT IF IT'S TRUE, THEY SHOULD BE TRAINING HIS FRONT LEGS INSTEAD.

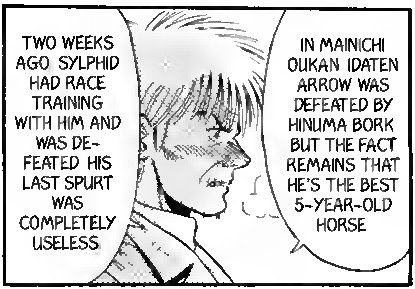

AH MURAKAMI WHAT'S UP?
YES HORSE RACING EDITORIAL

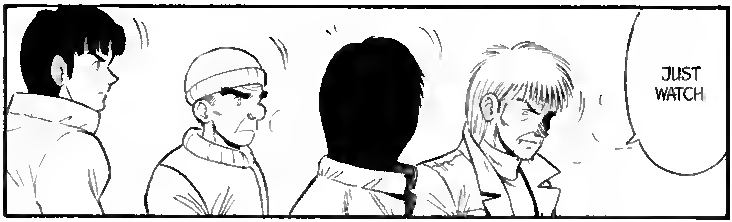

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SYLPHID IS DOING RACE TRAINING?
WHAT?!
WHO'LL BE HIS OPPO-NENT?
REALLY? SO WE CAN FINALLY UN-DERSTAND THE GOAL OF THIS TRAINING
KIKUCHI-SENSEI SAID THAT HIS TRAINING WOULD BE USEFUL FOR THIS RACE.
YES TOMORROW MORNING
IDATEN ARROW
THE 5-YEAR-OLD HORSE

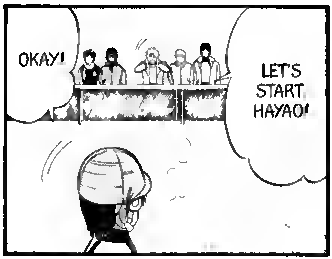

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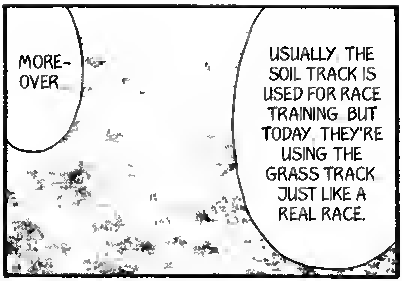

SO YOU WANT TO PROVE YOURSELF BY HAVING ANOTHER RACE TRAINING WITH HIM. BUT ARE YOU SURE YOU'LL WIN THIS TIME?
ARE YOU SURE SYLPHID'S TRAINING HAS BEEN USEFUL?

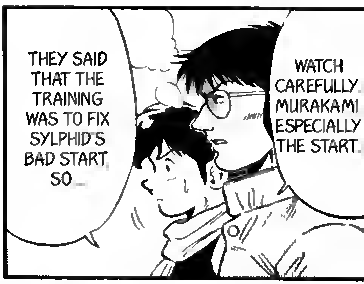

IN MAINICHI OUKAN IDATEN ARROW WAS DEFEATED BY HINUMA BORK BUT THE FACT REMAINS THAT HE'S THE BEST 5-YEAR-OLD HORSE
TWO WEEKS AGO SYLPHID HAD RACE TRAINING WITH HIM AND WAS DE-FEATED HIS LAST SPURT WAS COMPLETELY USELESS

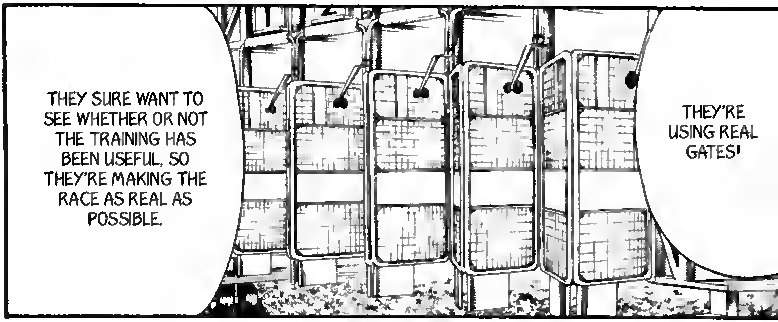

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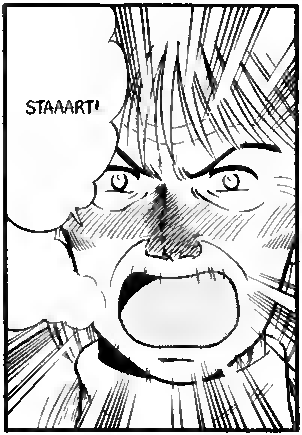


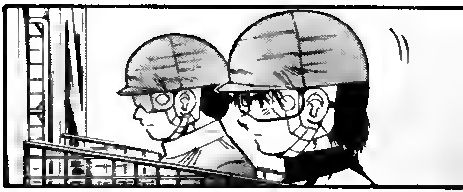

LET'S START, HAYAO!
OKAY!


MORE-OVER...
USUALLY THE SOIL TRACK IS USED FOR RACE TRAINING. BUT TODAY, THEY'RE USING THE GRASS TRACK JUST LIKE A REAL RACE.


THEY SAID THAT THE TRAINING WAS TO FIX SYLPHID'S BAD START, SO...
WATCH CAREFULLY, MURAKAMI ESPECIALLY THE START.


THEY SURE WANT TO SEE WHETHER OR NOT THE TRAINING HAS BEEN USEFUL, SO THEY'RE MAKING THE RACE AS REAL AS POSSIBLE.
THEY'RE USING REAL GATES!

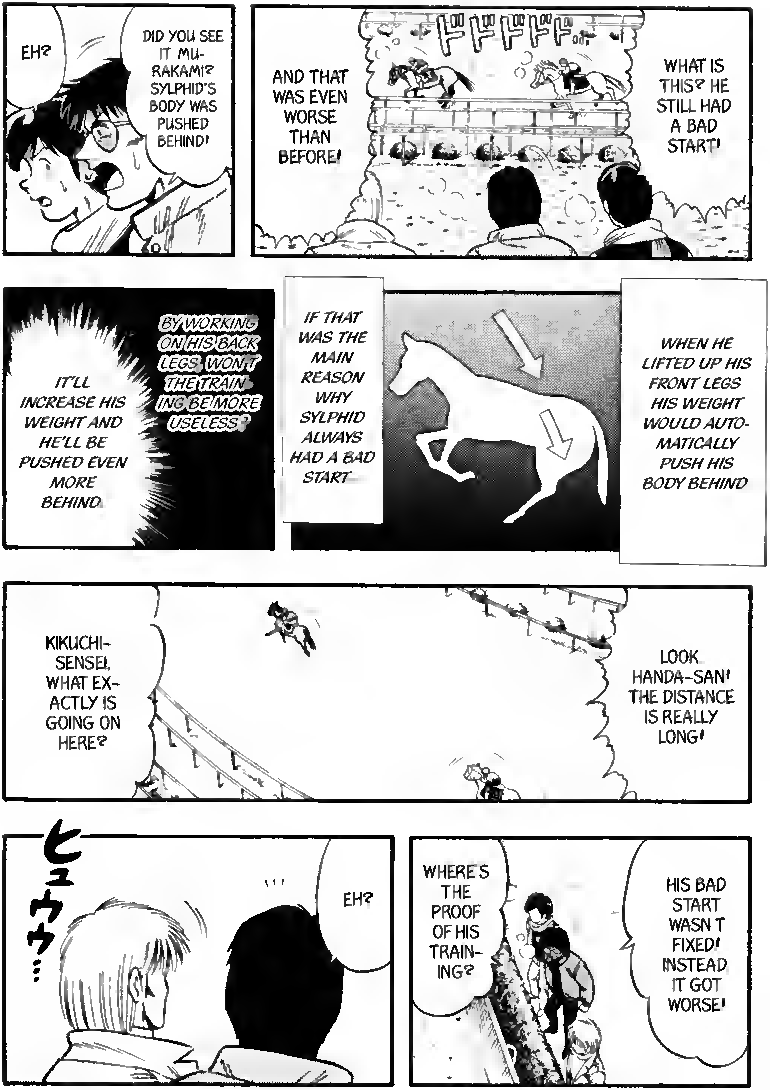

STAAART!




OKAY


I WONDER HOW SYLPHID'LL DO HIS START TODAY
OH!


WHAT A GOOD START!
HE RE-ACTED FAST!
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AH!


EH?
DID YOU SEE IT MURAKAMI? SYLPHID'S BODY WAS PUSHED BEHIND!
AND THAT WAS EVEN WORSE THAN BEFORE!
WHAT IS THIS? HE STILL HAD A BAD START!
BY WORKING ON HIS BACK LEGS, WON'T THE TRAINING BE MORE USELESS?
IT'LL INCREASE HIS WEIGHT AND HE'LL BE PUSHED EVEN MORE BEHIND.
IF THAT WAS THE MAIN REASON WHY SYLPHID ALWAYS HAD A BAD START...
WHEN HE LIFTED UP HIS FRONT LEGS HIS WEIGHT WOULD AUTOMATICALLY PUSH HIS BODY BEHIND
KIKUCHI-SENSEI, WHAT EXACTLY IS GOING ON HERE?
LOOK HANDA-SAN! THE DISTANCE IS REALLY LONG!
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EH?
WHERE'S THE PROOF OF HIS TRAINING?
HIS BAD START WASN'T FIXED! INSTEAD IT GOT WORSE!


EVEN THOUGH SYLPHID HAD A TERRIBLE START...
WHAT? HE LOOKS SO CALM
!?
HANDA-SAN!
AS IF HE'S PLANNED THIS ALL ALONG.
IN THAT CASE, WHAT'S THE REAL GOAL OF THIS TRAIN-ING?
SO THE TRAINING'S NOT TO FIX SYLPHID'S BAD START?
TWO STOP WATCH-ES!
WHAT WILL SYLPHID SHOW US?
WHAT ARE THEY TIMING?


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COULD IT BE THAT TODAY'S RACE IS...
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ONCE HE STARTED THE SPURT, HIS TIME WAS CALCULATED
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THE SPURT! SYLPHID WILL START DOING HIS SPURT!

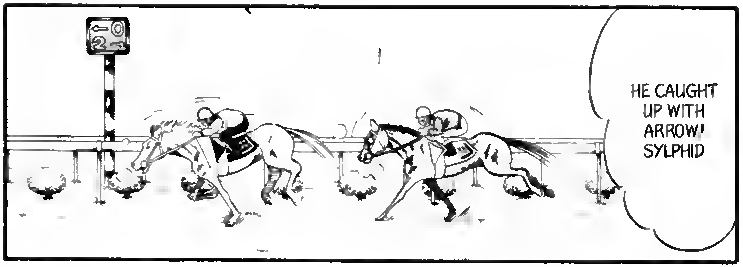

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM TO CATCH UP WITH IDATEN ARROW!
BUT IF HE HAD A BAD START NO MATTER HOW FAST HIS SPURT WAS, IT WOULDN'T CHANGE ANYTHING
TO CALCULATE HOW FAST SYLPHID IS?
LOOK HANDA-SAN!
AH! HE'S CATCHING UP!
WHAT ARE THEY THINKING?
EH?
IMPOSSIBLE!
HE'LL LET SYLPHID USE ALL HIS ENERGY FIRST AND HE'LL CATCH HIM UP LATER
IDATEN ARROW HASN'T USED ALL HIS ENERGY YET

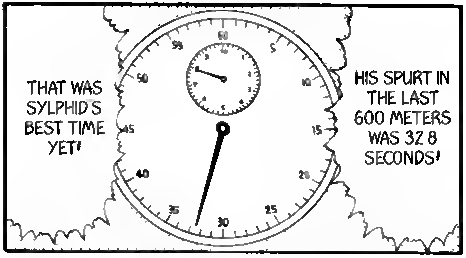

AH! IDATEN ARROW!
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THIS TRAINING IS MUCH WORSE THAN THE PREVIOUS ONE!
WHAT IS THIS KIKUCHI-SENSEI?!
THEIR POWERS ARE ON DIFFERENT LEVEL AFTER ALL!
THIS IS BAD! THEY'RE SEPARATED AGAIN!
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APART FROM HIS TERRIBLE START, SYLPHID IS RUNNING OUT OF BREATH NOW!


THIS RACE WILL END WITH A LONG DISTANCE CREATED BE-TWEEN THEM
ONLY 200 METERS LEFT
THE SHOW HAS JUST BEGUN!
HUH?
THIS ISN'T OVER YET
HAYAO IS USING HIS WHIP!
WH-WHAT?!
NOW!

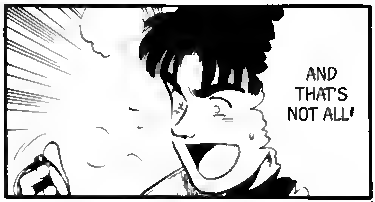

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EH?!

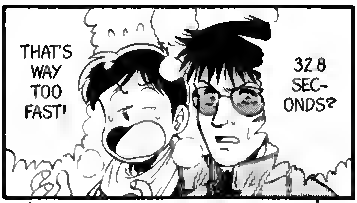

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AAAH!

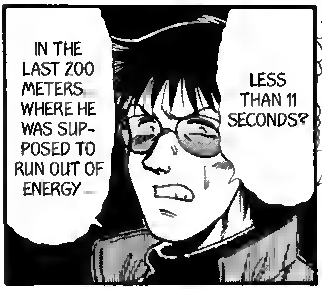

HE CAUGHT UP WITH ARROW! SYLPHID

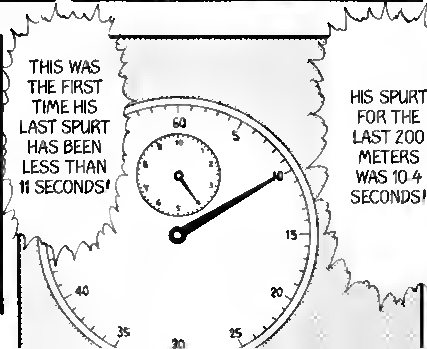

THAT WAS SYLPHID'S BEST TIME YET!
HIS SPURT IN THE LAST 600 METERS WAS 32.8 SECONDS!


!?
YAY! WE DID IT!


AND THAT'S NOT ALL!

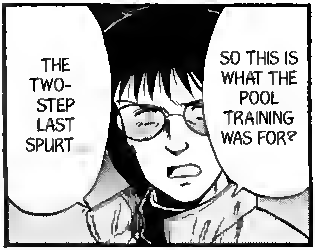

THAT'S WAY TOO FAST!
32.8 SEC-ONDS?

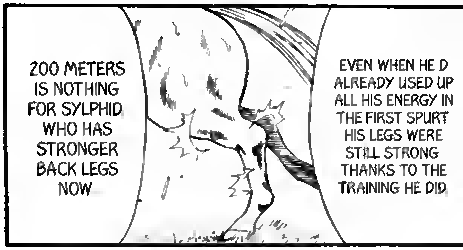

IN THE LAST 200 METERS, WHERE HE WAS SUP-POSED TO RUN OUT OF ENERGY—
LESS THAN 11 SECONDS?

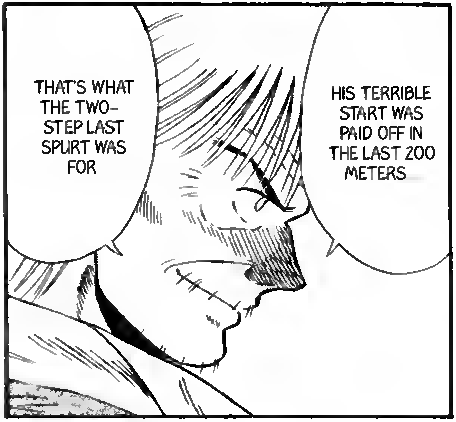

THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME HIS LAST SPURT HAS BEEN LESS THAN 11 SECONDS!
HIS SPURT FOR THE LAST 200 METERS WAS 10.4 SECONDS!

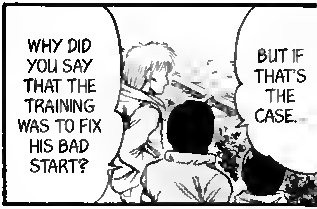

BUT THIS TIME HE DID THE TWO-STEP LAST SPURT.
HIS LAST SPURT BEFORE THE TRAINING WAS TO INCREASE HIS SPEED IN THE LAST SECOND AND REACH THE FINISH LINE.


HUH?
THIS IS WHAT THE TRAINING WAS FOR


THE TWO-STEP LAST SPURT.
SO THIS IS WHAT THE POOL TRAINING WAS FOR?


200 METERS IS NOTHING FOR SYLPHID WHO HAS STRONGER BACK LEGS NOW.
EVEN WHEN HE D ALREADY USED UP ALL HIS ENERGY IN THE FIRST SPURT HIS LEGS WERE STILL STRONG THANKS TO THE TRAINING HE DID.

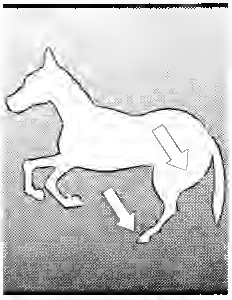

THAT'S WHAT THE TWO-STEP LAST SPURT WAS FOR
HIS TERRIBLE START WAS PAID OFF IN THE LAST 200 METERS.


WHY DID YOU SAY THAT THE TRAINING WAS TO FIX HIS BAD START?
BUT IF THAT'S THE CASE...

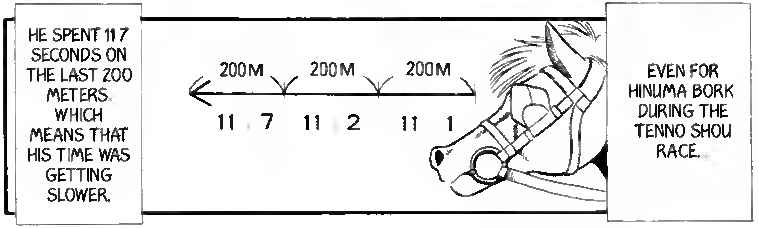

I WASN'T LYING.

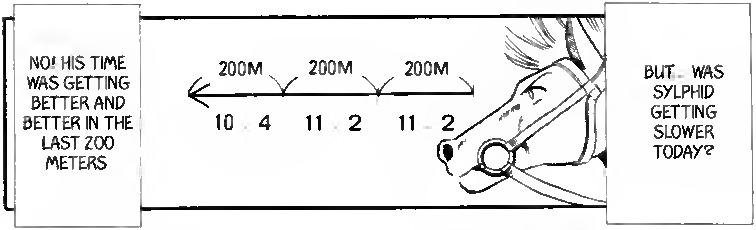


BUT WE CAN DO SOME-THING TO COVER THAT UP.

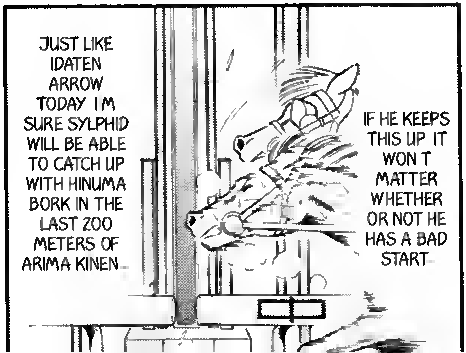


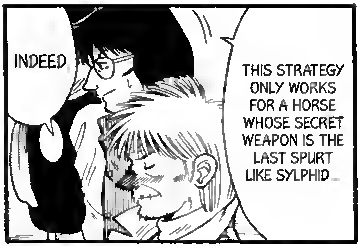
WE CAN'T FIX THE WEAKNESS SYLPHID INHER-ITED FROM HIS MOTHER...

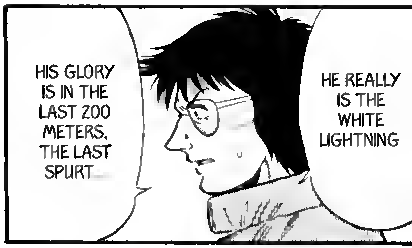




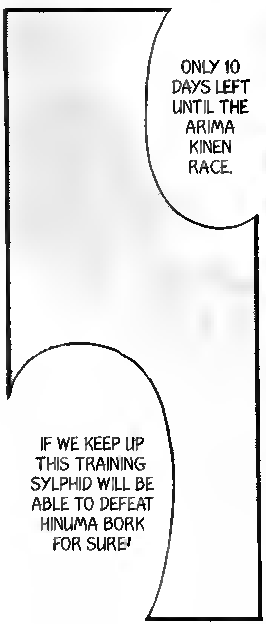






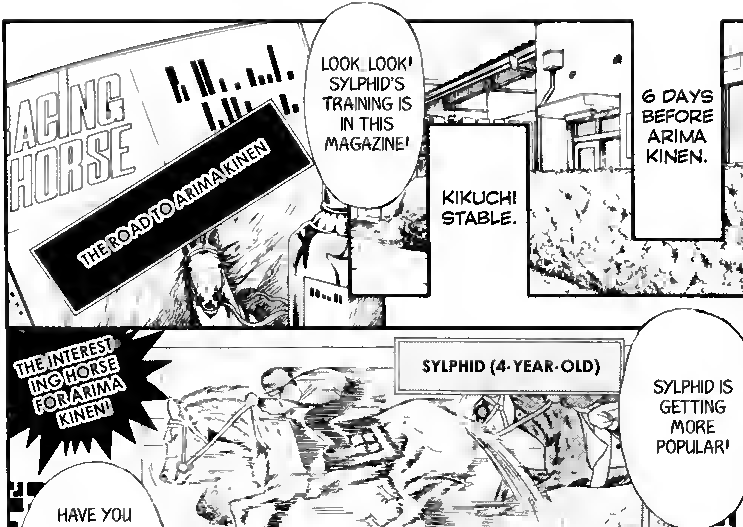






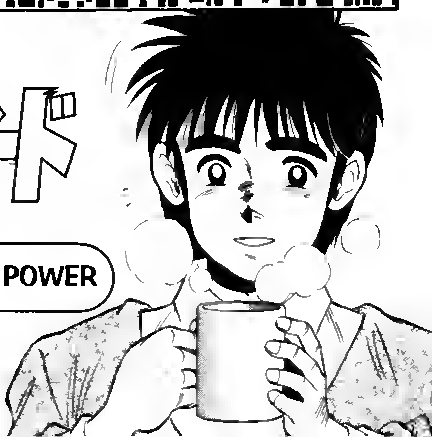


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RACE 93: THE PERFECT POWER



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THE FAVORITE HORSE!
THEY SAID THAT HIS POWER WAS ON DIFFERENT LEVEL
EH?
BUT HINUMA BORK IS STILL THE FANS' FAVORITE HORSE
.....
AMONG THE MATURE 5-YEAR-OLD HORSES, HE'S THE NUMBER ONE HORSE
NO WONDER
WHAT?
WHAT'S THIS?!
EH?
RACING HORSE
RACING HORSE


IT SEEMED THAT THEY'RE DOING SECRET TRAINING.
THEY'VE HIDDEN THEMSELVES IN THEIR RANCH IN HOKKAIDO.
THE IRON CURTAIN?
THE IRON CURTAIN MAXIMUM!
THE IRON CURTAIN MAXIMUM. HIDDEN FROM THE REPORTERS.
MAYBE HE'S BEEN DOING HIS SECRET TRAINING ALL THIS TIME.
HE'S PLACED THIRD IN THE LIST OF THE FAVORITE HORSES FOR ARIMA KINEN. COME TO THINK OF IT. WE HAVEN'T HEARD ABOUT HIM FOR THE PAST 4 WEEKS.
MAXIMUM? SECRET TRAINING?
EVERYONE'S TALKING ABOUT IT!
WHAT'S WRONG KENTAROU?
YEAH. HE'S TOUGH.
ONLY HINUMA BORK HAS BEEN OPEN TO MEDIA LATELY.
HUH?
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KIKUCHI-SENSEI!


RACE TRAINING?
WHAT? IN NAKAYAMA RACE-COURSE?
THEY SAID THAT MAXI-MUM HAS BORROWED NAKAYAMA RACECOURSE FOR TODAY!
HE WILL BE DOING OPEN RACE TRAINING!
WHAT?
THEY EVEN ASKED PERMISSION TO USE NAKAYAMA RACECOURSE?
EH? WHO COULD THAT BE?
NOT ONLY THAT. HIS OP-PONENT ISN'T AN ORDINARY HORSE EITHER!
ARIMA KINEN WILL BE HELD IN NAKAYAMA RACECOURSE. IT'S NOT A BAD IDEA TO HAVE RACE TRAINING THERE. JUST AS EXPECTED FROM OKA
HIS IDEAS ARE ALWAYS EX-TRAORDI-NARY
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WHAAAT?!
HINUMA BORK!
THEY ASKED PERMISSION TO RACE AGAINST HINUMA BORK AND THEY GOT IT!

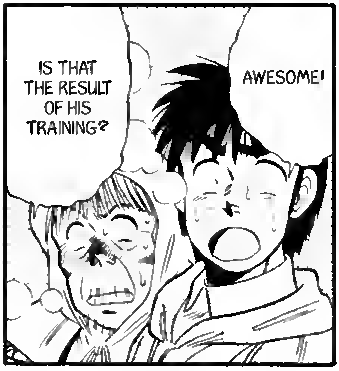

NA-
KAYAMA
RACE-
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WAAA
I'M NOT SURPRISED MAXIMUM WAS GONE FOR THE WHOLE MONTH AND SUDDENLY SHOWED UP WITH THE MOST FAVORITE HORSE HINUMA BORK.
ALL REPORT-ERS AND RACING HORSE ASSOCIATED PRESS WOULDN T DARE MISS IT
WOW! THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE HERE.
JUST LIKE THE REAL RACE
THIS IS NO ORDI-NARY RACE TRAIN-ING EITHER THIS IS A BATTLE BETWEEN THE STRONGEST 5-YEAR-OLD HORSE AND THE 4-YEAR-OLD DERBY CHAMPION
PEOPLE WON T CARE ABOUT ARIMA KINEN TODAY THEY JUST WANT TO KNOW WHICH HORSE IS STRONGER.
AND OF COURSE IT'LL GIVE US AN ADVANTAGE TOO
FOLKS, SORRY FOR THE WAIT.
THE RESULT OF THIS RACE WILL DETERMINE WHO THE STRONGER HORSE IS THE 4-YEAR-OLD HORSE OR THE 5-YEAR-OLD HORSE.
HINUMA BORK S OWNERS MUST HAVE AGREED TO THIS RACE TRAIN-ING BECAUSE THEY D GET AN ADVANTAGE FROM THIS TRAIN-ING AS WELL.

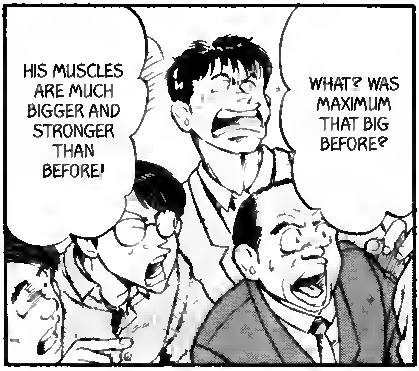

THE TWO HORSES WILL JOIN US IN THE FIELD NOW.
AH THERE HE IS!
HINUMA BORK!
HE S WEARING BLINDERS AS USUAL. WHAT A MYSTERIOUS HORSE!
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IN SHORT THAT'S WHAT THE PERFECT 5-YEAR-OLD HORSE LOOKS LIKE.
HIS FRONT AND BACK LEGS TOUCH THE GROUND PERFECTLY AND MAKE HIS BODY BALANCED.
TAKE A LOOK!
HIS POSTURE IS REMARKABLE.
JUST BY LOOKING AT HIM, YOU CAN SEE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HIM AND SYLPHID WHOSE POSTURE ISN'T PERFECT.
WHAT WILL MAXIMUM SHOW US TODAY?
YES. THE JOCKEY IS RIDING THE HORSE NOW.
THAT'S NOT HIS JOCKEY. HE'S JUST THE COACH'S ASSISTANT.


AH! MAXIMUM!
EH?

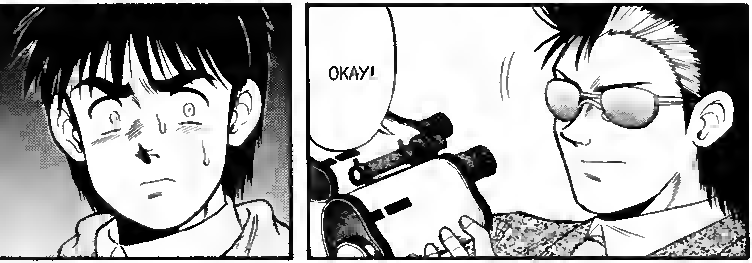

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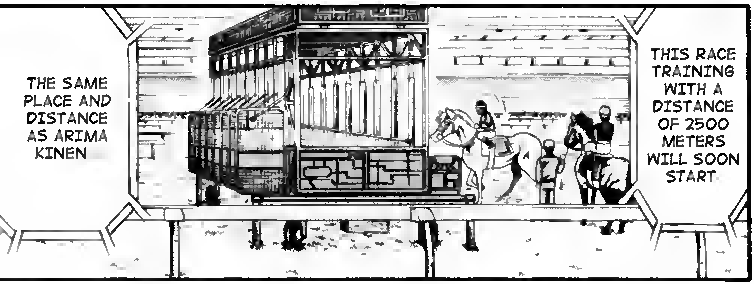

AWESOME!
IS THAT THE RESULT OF HIS TRAINING?


WHAT? WAS MAXIMUM THAT BIG BEFORE?
HIS MUSCLES ARE MUCH BIGGER AND STRONGER THAN BEFORE!

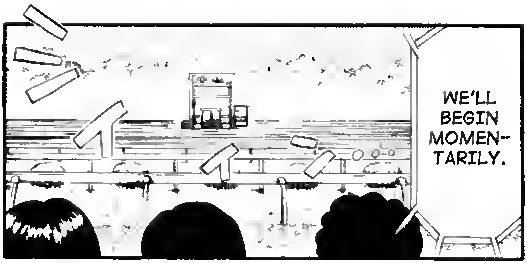


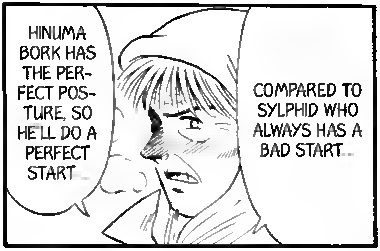
cloudcake16 Haha Jun pulls that cool look before realizing there aren't any of his usual fangirls in the audience today just old guys kaori I didn't notice that until now! Haha XD!

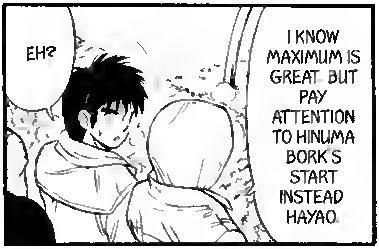




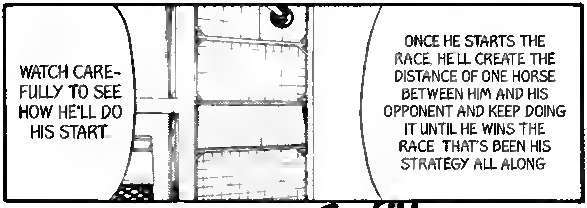

WHAT A PERFECT RACE


WE'LL BEGIN MOMENTARILY.


HINUMA BORK HAS THE PERFECT POSTURE, SO HE'LL DO A PERFECT START.
COMPARED TO SYLPHID WHO ALWAYS HAS A BAD START...

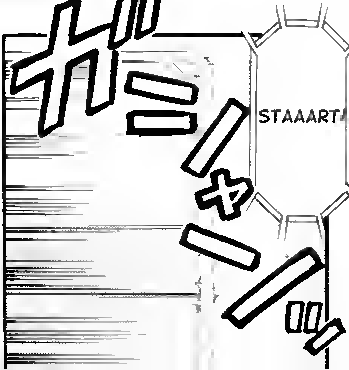

EH?
I KNOW MAXIMUM IS GREAT. BUT PAY ATTENTION TO HINUMA BORK'S START INSTEAD HAYAO.

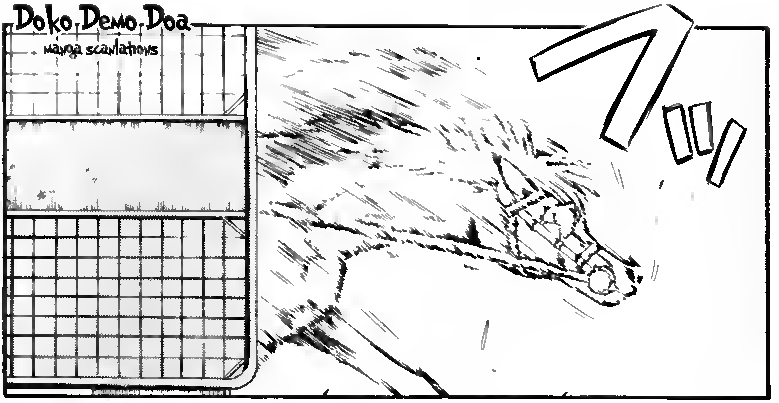


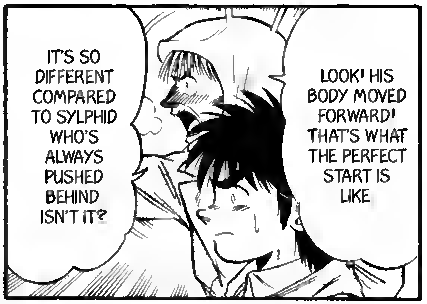

WATCH CAREFULLY TO SEE HOW HE'LL DO HIS START.
ONCE HE STARTS THE RACE, HE'LL CREATE THE DISTANCE OF ONE HORSE BETWEEN HIM AND HIS OPPONENT AND KEEP DOING IT UNTIL HE WINS THE RACE. THAT'S BEEN HIS STRATEGY ALL ALONG.

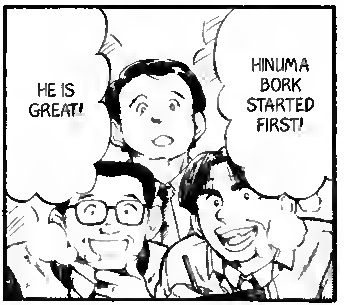

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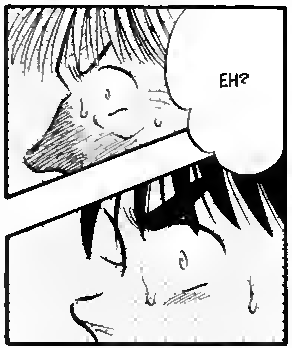

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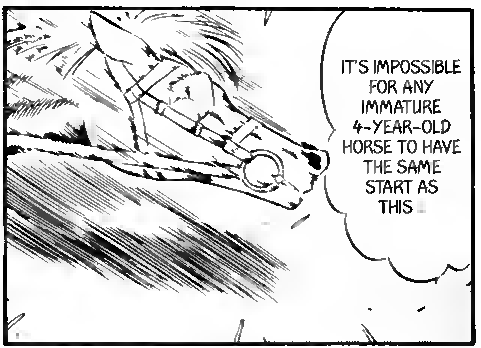

STAAART!




IT'S SO DIFFERENT COMPARED TO SYLPHID WHO'S ALWAYS PUSHED BEHIND ISN'T IT?
LOOK! HIS BODY MOVED FORWARD! THAT'S WHAT THE PERFECT START IS LIKE

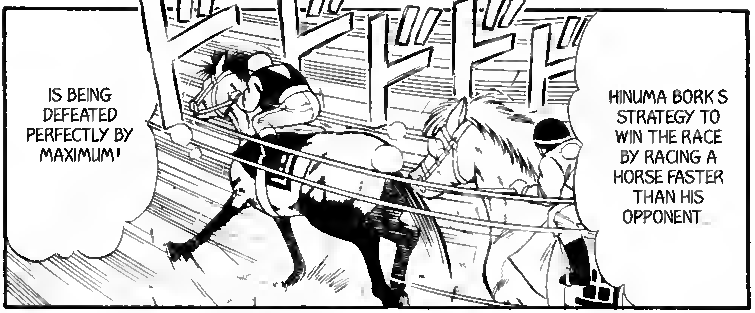

HE IS GREAT!
HINUMA BORK STARTED FIRST!

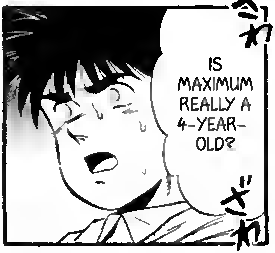

EH?


IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR ANY IMMATURE 4-YEAR-OLD HORSE TO HAVE THE SAME START AS THIS

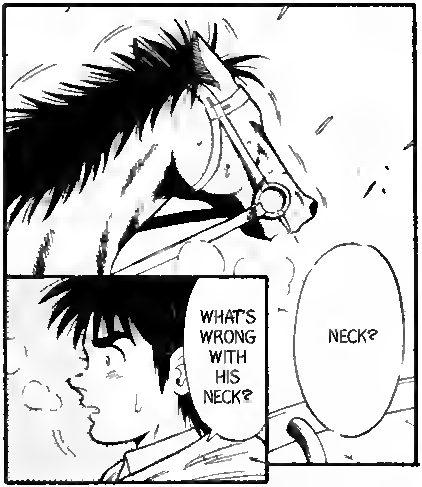

WHAAAT!?
HE'S AHEAD OF HINUMA BORK!
MAXIMUM HAD A BETTER START!
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AH!
BUT IT'S NOT OVER YET!
OF COURSE. DURING THE SECRET TRAINING, WE TRAINED GOING IN AND OUT THE GATE HUNDREDS OF TIMES.


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THEY'RE SEPA-RATED NOW! MAXIMUM IS A HORSE FASTER THAN HINUMA BORK!
IMPOS-SIBLE!
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HE'S DEFEATED HIM!
HE'S LEADING THE RACE!

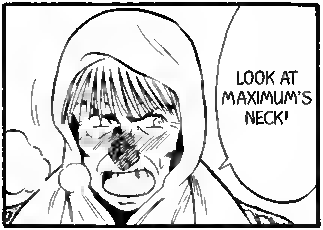

IS BEING DEFEATED PERFECTLY BY MAXIMUM!
HINUMA BORK'S STRATEGY TO WIN THE RACE BY RACING A HORSE FASTER THAN HIS OPPONENT...


IS MAXIMUM REALLY A 4-YEAR-OLD?

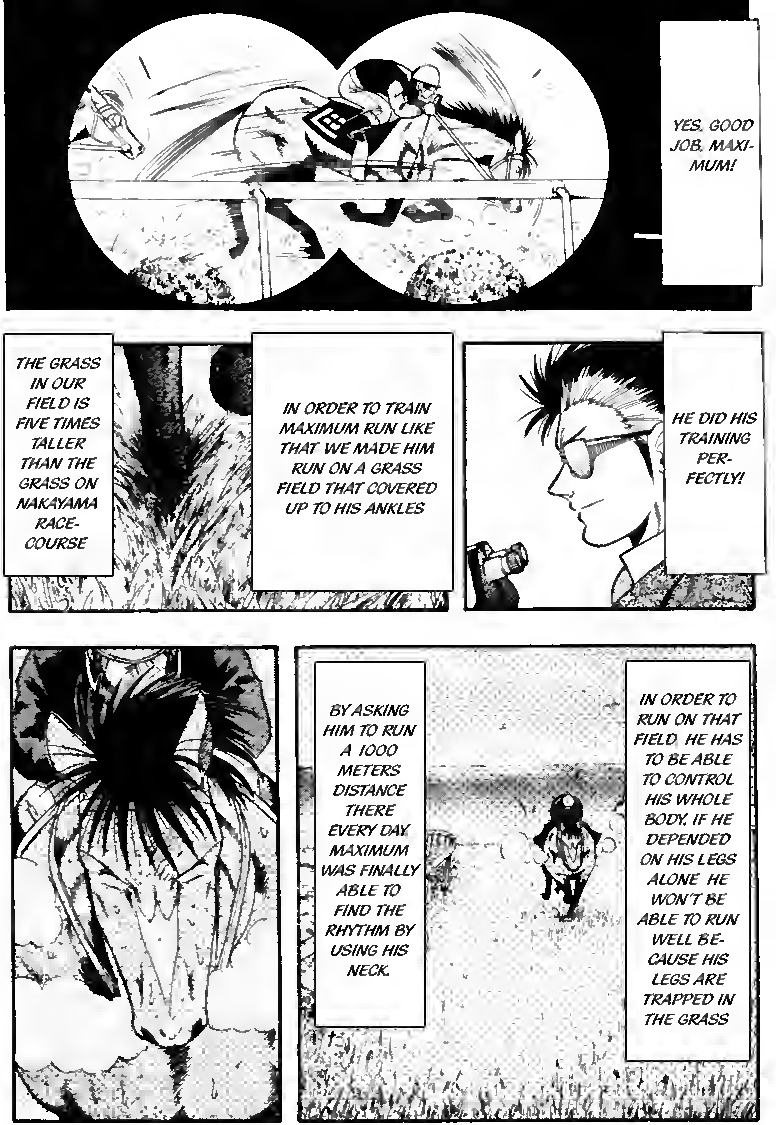

A 4-YEAR-OLD HORSE IS RACING AGAINST A 5-YEAR-OLD HORSE LIKE THAT...
THAT'S THE PERFECT STRATEGY! IT CAN'T BE PERFORMED BY JUST ANY HORSE.


WHAT'S WRONG WITH HIS NECK?
NECK?


HUH?
THAT'S NOT HOW A 4-YEAR-OLD HORSE RUNS


LOOK AT MAXIMUM'S NECK!


WHAT? HE'S LOWERING HIS NECK AND MOVING FORWARD!
HUH?
THAT'S HOW A MATURE HORSE RUNS
IS THAT EVEN POSSIBLE?
HIS BODY IS PULLED FORWARD THANKS TO HIS NECK
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JUST WHAT DID OKA DO TO MAXIMUM?
MAXIMUM IS TOO PERFECT! I DOUBT HE'LL BE ABLE TO CATCH HIM UP!
OF COURSE HINUMA BORK CAN DO IT TOO, BUT...
A MATURE HORSE CONTROLS HIS BALANCE USING HIS NECK.
ONCE HIS NECK IS LOWERED, HIS WHOLE BODY WILL MOVE FORWARD AND THE SPEED WILL BE INCREASED.

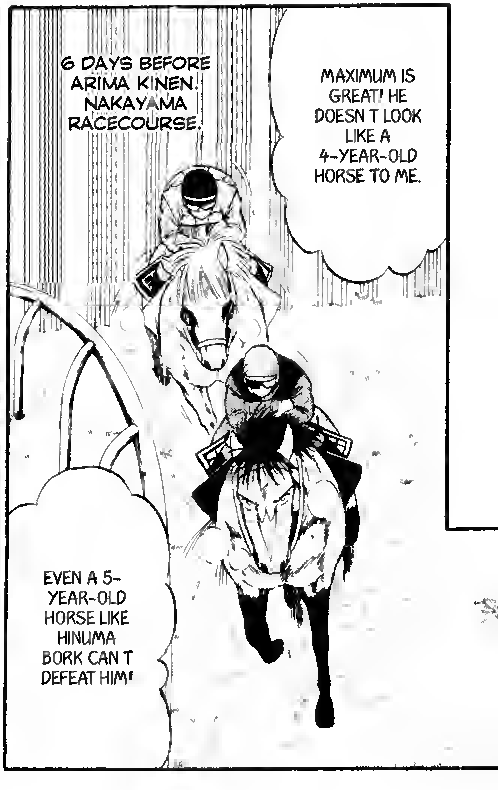

YES, GOOD JOB, MAXIMUM!
THE GRASS IN OUR FIELD IS FIVE TIMES TALLER THAN THE GRASS ON NAKAYAMA RACE-COURSE
IN ORDER TO TRAIN MAXIMUM RUN LIKE THAT WE MADE HIM RUN ON A GRASS FIELD THAT COVERED UP TO HIS ANKLES
HE DID HIS TRAINING PERFECTLY!
BY ASKING HIM TO RUN A 1000 METERS DISTANCE THERE EVERY DAY. MAXIMUM WAS FINALLY ABLE TO FIND THE RHYTHM BY USING HIS NECK.
IN ORDER TO RUN ON THAT FIELD HE HAS TO BE ABLE TO CONTROL HIS WHOLE BODY, IF HE DEPENDED ON HIS LEGS ALONE HE WON'T BE ABLE TO RUN WELL BECAUSE HIS LEGS ARE TRAPPED IN THE GRASS


MAXIMUM...
WE TRAINED SYLPHID'S LAST SPURT TO FACE ARIMA KINEN BUT...
HE'S STILL LEADING THE RACE WITH ONLY 500 METERS LEFT!
MAXI-MUM IS GREAT!
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HE DIDN'T WANT TO LOSE TO THE 5-YEAR-OLD HORSE AND THEREFORE PERFECTED HIS POWER
IT'S 0.5 SECONDS FASTER THAN NAKAYAMA'S RECORD FOR THE 2000 METERS LONG RACE!
HIS TIME FOR THE FIRST 2000 METERS WAS JUST 1 MINUTE AND 59 SECONDS!
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WOW!
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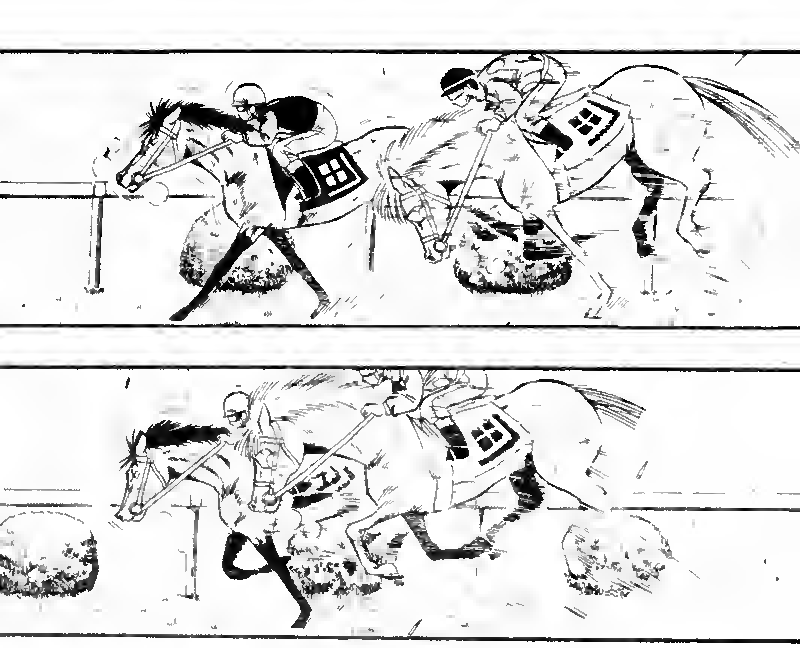
RACE 94: THE REAL POWER

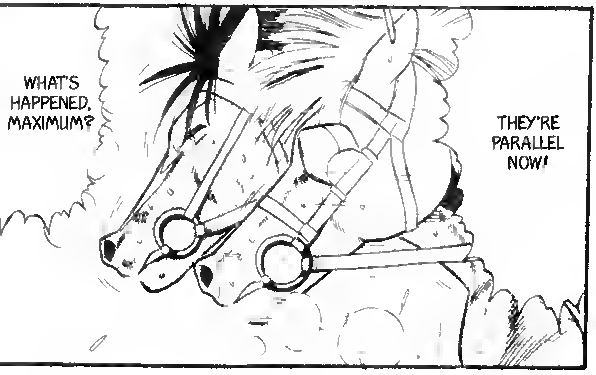
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PERFECT! HE'S TOO PERFECT!
THAT'S AN IDEAL STRATEGY, CREATING A RHYTHM VIA THE NECK MOVEMENT
HIS BODY IS BEING PULLED FORWARD BY HIS NECK AND THEREFORE INCREASES HIS SPEED
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HOW DID OKA TRAIN MAXIMUM?
WHAT AMAZES ME IS THE FACT THAT HE CAN DO IT BETTER THAN HINUMA BORK!

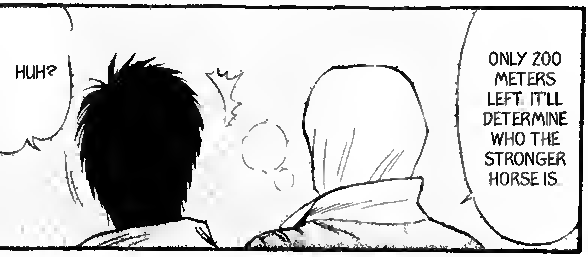

MAXIMUM IS STILL LEADING THE RACE!
WILL HINUMA BORK BE DEFEATED?
THE FAVOR-ITE HORSE FOR ARIMA KINEN
AH!


HINUMA BORK HAS CHANGED HIS LANE!
WILL HE START HIS SPURT NOW?




WHAT'S HAPPENED, MAXIMUM?
THEY'RE PARALLEL NOW!

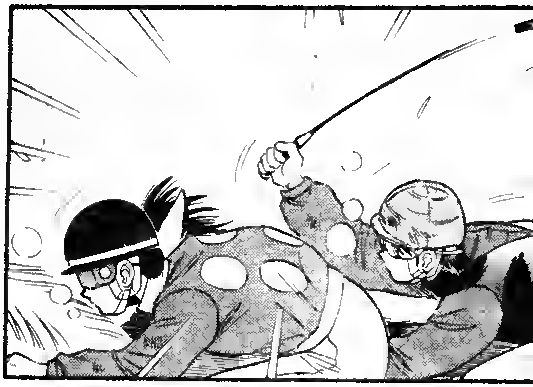

AH!


HUH?
ONLY 200 METERS LEFT. IT'LL DETERMINE WHO THE STRONGER HORSE IS.


MAXIMUM'S STARTED TO LOSE HIS BREATH!
LOOK!
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HE CAN'T DEFEAT A 5-YEAR-OLD HORSE SO EASILY.
NO MATTER HOW PERFECT HIS RHYTHM IS HE'S STILL A 4-YEAR-OLD HORSE.
HE TRIED HIS BEST BUT...
THERE'S NO MISTAKE. HINUMA BORK IS STRONGER THAN HI-


EH?


YUUKI-SAN IS GOING TO USE HIS WHIP!

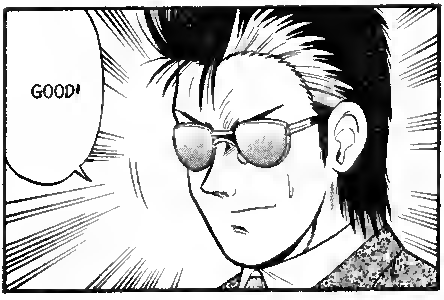



WHAT?
HE S ONLY SHOW ING MAXI- MUM THE WHIP!

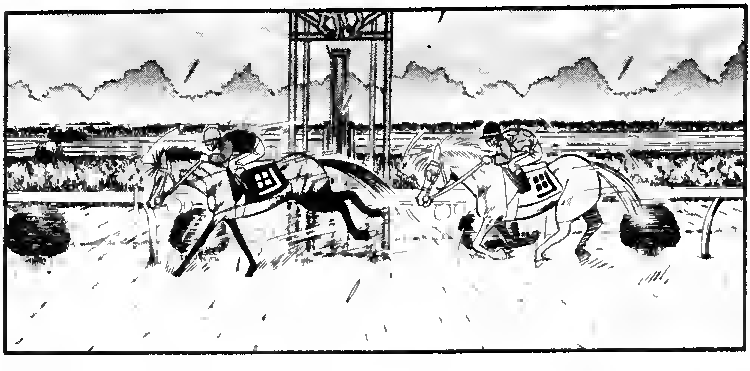




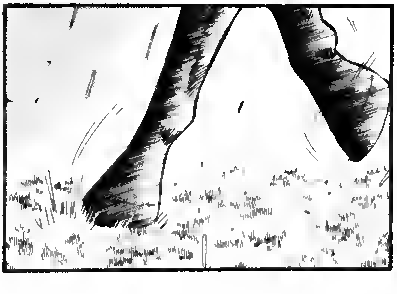

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WHAT...?!
AH!

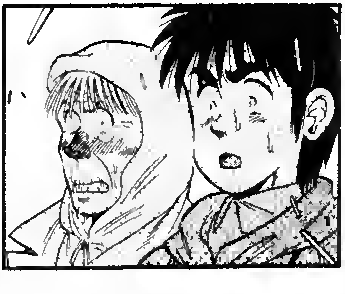

GOOD!












WITH THIS MAXIMUM HAS BECOME THE FAVORITE HORSE FOR ARIMA KINEN!
HE DEFEATED HINUMA BORK!
HE WON! MAXIMUM WON THE RACE!
YU YUUKI-SAN
AH SO YOU CAME, MORIKAWA


WHAT KIND OF TRAIN-ING DID MAXIMUM HAVE?
FOR THE WHOLE MONTH AFTER KITSUKA SHOU...
WHAT DID YOU DO TO MAXIMUM?
WHAT? GRASS...?
GRASS
HE WAS FI-NALLY ABLE TO CONTROL HIS RHYTHM BY USING HIS NECK
WITH THAT KIND OF FIELD IF HE ONLY DEPENDS ON HIS LEGS HE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO RUN WELL BECAUSE HIS LEGS ARE TRAPPED
5 TIMES HIGHER?
EVERY DAY MAXIMUM HAS PRACTICED IN A FIELD WITH GRASS THAT'S 5 TIMES HIGHER THAN THE GRASS ON NAKAYAMA RACECOURSE
IDIOT! IT WASN'T CREATED ON ITS OWN
IS THERE ANY FIELD WITH TALL GRASS LIKE THAT?
AH...
IS THAT SO?



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IS THAT HORSE ALONE.
SYLPHID'S RIVAL...
WHAT? MAKE A CHANGE?
WAAA
WAAA
YES? RACING HORSE EDITORIAL. WHAT? MURAKAMI?
RRRR!
THE TITLE WILL BE "THE FAVORITE HORSE FOR ARIMA KINEN MAXIMUM!"
YES! LET'S CHANGE THE HEADLINE FOR THIS WEEK'S EDITION!
MAXIMUM CAUGHT UP WITH HINUMA BORK IN THE LAST SECOND!
THEY JUST FINISHED A WHILE AGO.
YES! HE WAS AWE-SOME!
WHAT!? MAXI-MUM WON THE RACE TRAIN-ING?


WHAT DID YOU SAY, HANDA-SAN?
HUH?
...OFF?
THEREFORE, THE NEW FAVORITE HORSE FOR ARIMA KINEN IS...
TAKE OFF HIS BLINDERS?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
EH?
DID THEY TAKE OFF HINUMA BORK'S BLINDERS?
I SEE.
NO HE WAS STILL WEARING THEM.
WHAT...!?
HUH?
AS LONG AS HINUMA BORK IS WEARING HIS BLINDERS HE ONLY USES 80% OF HIS POWER
THAT MEANS HE WASN'T REALLY DEFEATED
I'LL TELL YOU NOW
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, HANDA-SAN?

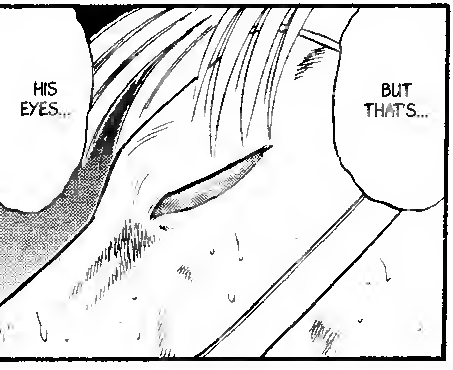

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CAUSE...
WHAT?! WHY NOT?
THAT'S BECAUSE HE DIDN'T PARTICIPATE IN ANY RACE WHEN HE WAS A 4-YEAR-OLD
N. NO...
MURAKAMI. DO YOU KNOW WHY AS A 5-YEAR-OLD HORSE, HINUMA BORK ISN'T WELL KNOWN?
THIS IS A DEBUT RACE FOR 3-YEAR-OLD HORSES!
THE FIFTH RACE IN SAT-SUBURO!
WAAAAA
SAT-SUBURO RACE-COURSE, 2 YEARS AGO...
HE COULDN'T PARTICI-PATE
THE DISTANCE BETWEEN HIM AND THE OTHER HORSES IS 15 HORSES! HE'S TOO STRONG!
THERE'S ONE HORSE WHO'S LEFT HIS OPPO-NENTS FAR BEHIND!
REMARK-ABLE HORSES!
NO HORSE CAN DEFEAT HIM! WILL HE END THE RACE LIKE THIS?


AN IN-CREDIBLE SHOW PER-FORMED BY HINUMA BORK!
BECAUSE OF HIS AMAZING DEBUT EVERYONE PUT THEIR HOPE ON HINUMA BORK
EVERYONE THOUGHT THAT HE WOULD BE A STAR WHEN HE WAS 4
AND WIN THE DERBY
SO WHY DIDN'T HE?
BE-CAUSE
HINUMA BORK WAS TOO STRONG
HE RAN TOO STRENU-OUSLY AND IT BACKFIRED ON HIM
HE INJURED HIS LEG.
IN-JURED?
IT TOOK A WHILE FOR HIM TO RECOVER. HE COULDN'T PARTICIPATE IN ANY RACE AT ALL WHEN HE WAS 4
THEREFORE, ONE YEAR LATER NOW THAT HE'S ALLOWED TO RACE AGAIN HE'S BEEN WEARING BLINDERS IN ORDER TO PREVENT HIM FROM ANOTHER INJURY
WHAT?
BY WEARING BLINDERS HE CAN'T SEE HIS OPPONENTS AND IT DOESN'T INDUCE HIS FIGHTING SPIRIT
SO HE ISN'T ABLE TO RUN AS WILDLY AS HE DID BEFORE

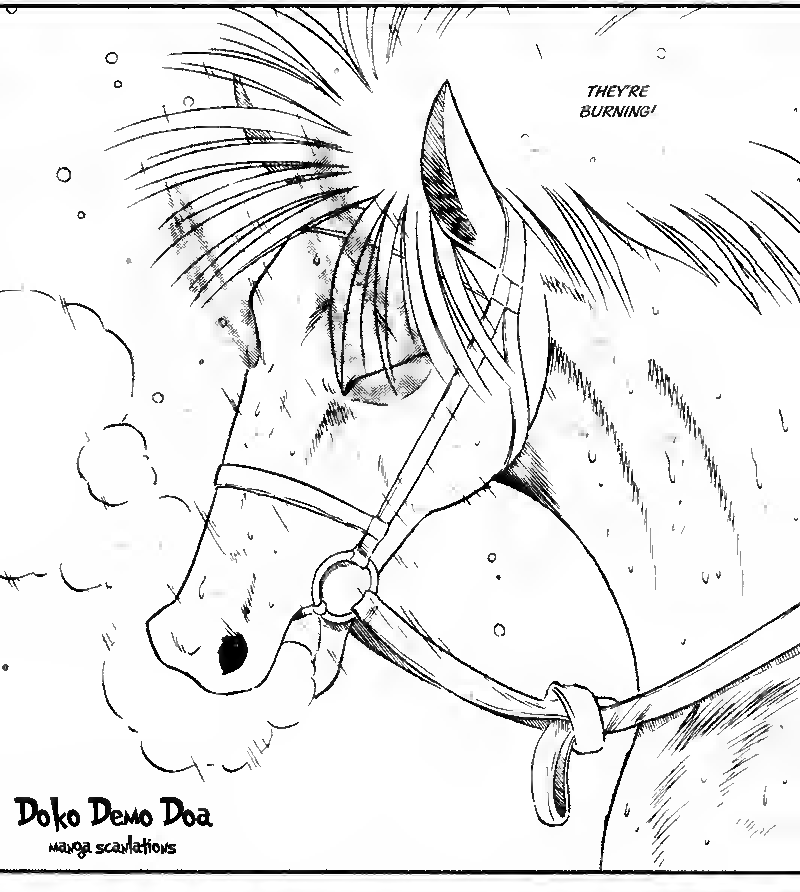

THAT'S HOW STRONG HINUMA BORK IS
EVEN SO HE WAS STILL ABLE TO DEFEAT THE STRONGEST 5-YEAR-OLD HORSE.
THEY DO THAT IN ORDER TO SUPPRESS HIS POWER?
IN THAT CASE, THE RESULT FOR ARIMA KINEN WOULD BE THE SAME...
BU... BUT HANDA-SAN YOU JUST SAID THAT HINUMA BORK WASN'T ALLOWED TO TAKE OFF HIS BLINDERS RIGHT?
THAT'S WHY I SAID THAT HINUMA BORK DIDN'T USE ALL HIS POWER TODAY.
THE GOAL FOR TODAY'S RACE WAS TO SEE HOW STRONG MAXIMUM WAS THERE WAS NO NEED FOR HIM TO TAKE OFF THE BLINDERS
DURING ARIMA KINEN, THEY WILL TAKE OFF HIS BLINDERS SO HE CAN USE ALL HIS POWER...
HINUMA BORK IS COMPLETELY RECOVERED HE DOESN'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT HIS LEG ANY-MORE.
EH?
I JUST GOT A PHONE CALL FROM HINUMA BORK'S OWNER
THEY DIDN'T WANT TO BLOW OFF SUCH AN OPPORTU-NITY.
THEY KNEW THAT ONLY THE FANS FAVORITE HORSES WOULD PARTICIPATE IN THIS RACE, SO...


AH
WHAAAT!?
HINUMA BORK'S COACH IS ABOUT TO TAKE OFF HIS BLINDERS NOW!
!?
HANDA-SAN!
BRRR!
HE JUST TOOK THEM OFF!


WHAT'S WRONG MU-RAKAMI?
WAAAAAA!
UGH!
MU-RAKA-MI!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH HIS EYES, MU-RAKAMI?
OI!
EYES?
HIS EYES..







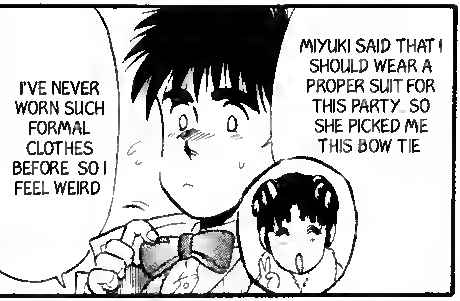
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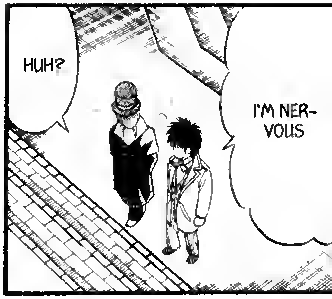
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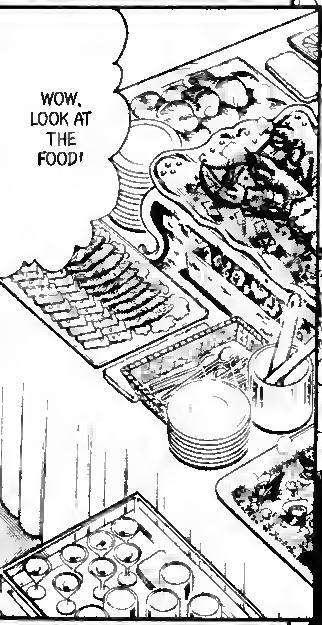
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I'VE NEVER WORN SUCH FORMAL CLOTHES BEFORE SO I FEEL WEIRD
MIYUKI SAID THAT I SHOULD WEAR A PROPER SUIT FOR THIS PARTY SO SHE PICKED ME THIS BOW TIE


HUH?
I'M NER-VOUS

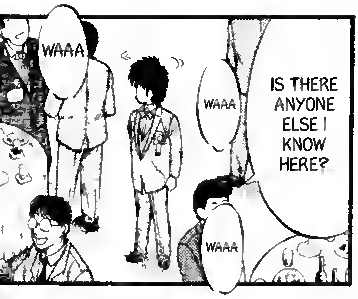

WAAAAAA!
I VANT TO SUCK YOUR BLOOOOOD!


UM. I THINK I LOOK BETTER THAN YOU.
YOU LOOK LIKE A VAMPIRE TO ME.
HUH! I'VE ALWAYS LOOKED GOOD IN FORMAL SUITS

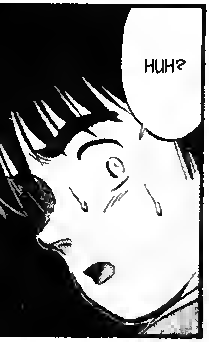

WOW, LOOK AT THE FOOD!


WAAA
WAAA
WAAA
WAAA
WAAA
WAAA
WAAA


LET'S EAT, HAYAO!
SO DELI-CIOUS!
IT'S DE-LICIOUS!
AND THE SAKE...
...
DON'T FORGET TO SAY 'HI' TO PEOPLE YOU KNOW
ANYWAY, I'LL LOOK AROUND
OOPS I FORGOT THAT YOU'RE ON YOUR DIET
ARE YOU MAKING FUN OF ME?
...
SHAO TSUAN LON'S OWNER, GOTOO-SAN AND HIS JOCKEY, AOI-SAN
WELL, THERE'S A BUNCH OF PEOPLE I KNOW HERE...
PEOPLE I KNOW?
KAZAMA GOLD'S OWNER, KAZAMA-SAN AND HIS JOCKEY, UNAMI-SAN

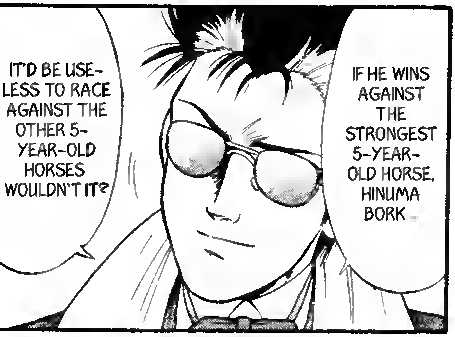

WAAA
WAAA
WAAA
IS THERE ANYONE ELSE I KNOW HERE?


THEY'RE NOT THE TYPE OF PEOPLE I CAN JUST GO UP AND SAY "HI" TO. IT'D BE WEIRD
IT'S JUST THAT...


HUH?


ARIMA KINEN WILL BE MAXIMUM'S LAST RACE IN JAPAN?


SO OKA-SAN

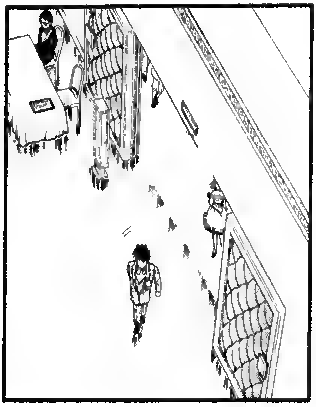

IT'D BE USE-LESS TO RACE AGAINST THE OTHER 5-YEAR-OLD HORSES WOULDN'T IT?
IF HE WINS AGAINST THE STRONGEST 5-YEAR-OLD HORSE, HINUMA BORK...


THERE'LL BE NO MORE OPPONENTS FOR MAXI-MUM IN JAPAN
SO WHAT'S YOUR PLAN AFTER ARIMA KINEN?

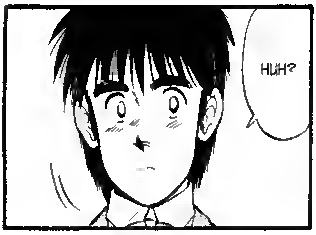

BECAUSE...
THAT'S WHAT I'VE PLANNED
WAAA
WAAA

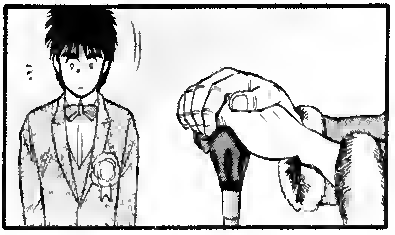

SOON AFTER HE WINS ARIMA KINEN HE'LL START RACING IN EUROPE!
HIS REAL OPPONENTS ARE ON THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL.
WE'RE AIMING FOR THE PRIX DE L'ARC DE TRIOMPHE RACE.
THAT'S A WORLD LEVEL RACE AND ONLY THE STRONGEST HORSES FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD CAN PARTICIPATE IN THAT RACE.
INTERNATIONAL LEVEL?
EUROPE?
FRANCE!
EUROPE, HUH? WHICH COUNTRY?
A WORLD CLASS RACE
THE PRIX DE L'ARC DE TRIOMPHE RACE IN FRANCE.
OKA-SAN NAS ALWAYS DREAMED BIG!
AND BECOME THE STRONGEST HORSE IN THE HISTORY OF JAPANESE RACE HORSING
I'M SURE MAXIMUM CAN WIN THE RACE.


I BETTER WAIT OUTSIDE.
IT'S HARD TO LOOK AT THE FOOD WITHOUT BEING ABLE TO EAT IT.

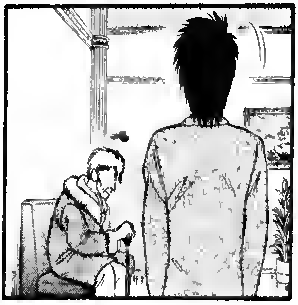


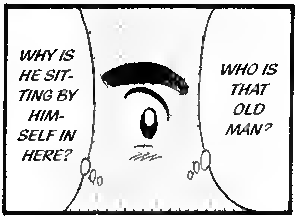

MAXIMUM IS GOING TO RACE IN EUROPE...


HUH?




HAS HE ALSO BEEN INVITED TO THE PARTY?

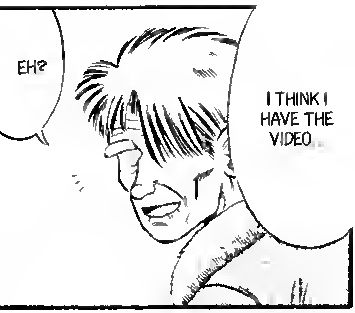


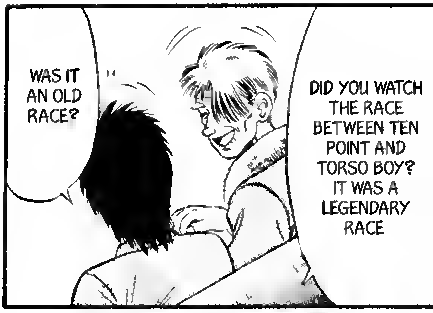

WHY IS HE SITTING BY HIMSELF IN HERE?
WHO IS THAT OLD MAN?

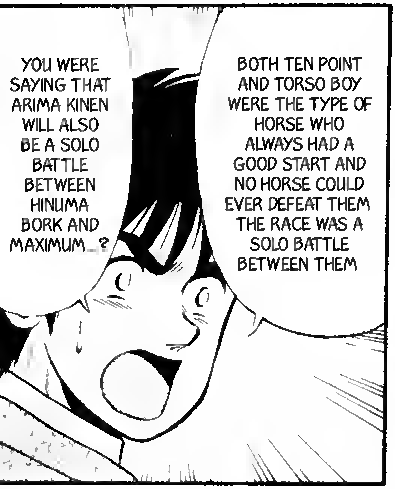

AH, IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN... YOU'RE SYLPHID'S JOCKEY AREN'T YOU?
HUH?
EH?
I WAS RIGHT
SO...
AM I COR-RECT?
YOUR NAME IS HAYAO MORIKAWA...
SYLPHID'S JOCKEY!
AH YES I'M HAYAO MORIKA-WA
EH?
I ASSUME YOU ATE TOO MUCH AND YOU'RE THEREFORE WALKING DOWN THE HALL TO BURN SOME CALORIES?
I'M THINKING OF THE REASON WHY I WAS LATE...
DOES HE HAVE TO?
OH
ME TOO I JUST GOT HERE, SO I WAS LATE.
I HAVE
HAVE YOU BEEN INVITED TO THIS PARTY?

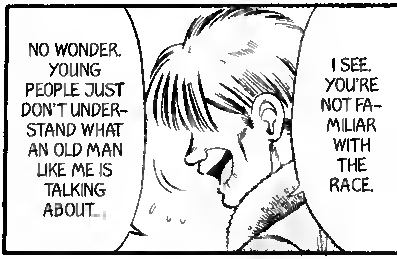

COME HERE.
IN THAT CASE, WHY DON'T YOU SIT DOWN AND TALK TO ME TO KILL THE TIME?
I HAVEN'T EATEN ANYTHING SINCE I CAME TO THE PARTY
NOT QUITE
....
YES?
SYLPHID
SYLPHID IS A WHITE HORSE TOO
I LOVE WHITE HORSES
AH, THANK YOU!
!
IS A GOOD HORSE. I LIKE HIM

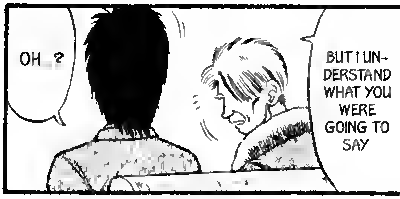

AND HAS BEEN NICK-NAMED WHITE LIGHTNING
SYLPHID INHERITED HIS MOTHER'S LEGS
YES!
HE EVEN KNOWS ABOUT SOUTHERN!
HIS MOTHER, SOUTHERN WIND WAS WHITE TOO
HUH?
ARIMA KINEN WILL BE TOUGH FOR HIM...
BUT...
HE RACED WELL IN KITSUKA SHOU
WHAT...?
THE RACE BETWEEN TEN POINT AND TORSO BOY
IN MY OPINION THE NEXT ARIMA KINEN WILL BE LIKE...
IF THOSE TWO HORSES LEAVE HIM AT THE START, THERE WILL BE NO WAY FOR HIM TO CATCH THEM UP.
BECAUSE THERE WILL BE TWO STRONGER HORSES...


EH?
I THINK I HAVE THE VIDEO


WAS IT AN OLD RACE?
DID YOU WATCH THE RACE BETWEEN TEN POINT AND TORSO BOY? IT WAS A LEGENDARY RACE

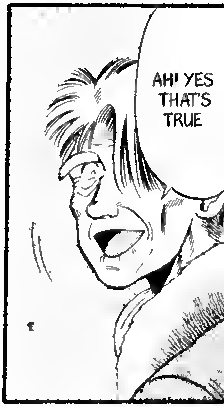

YOU WERE SAYING THAT ARIMA KINEN WILL ALSO BE A SOLO BATTLE BETWEEN HINUMA BORK AND MAXIMUM...?
BOTH TEN POINT AND TORSO BOY WERE THE TYPE OF HORSE WHO ALWAYS HAD A GOOD START AND NO HORSE COULD EVER DEFEAT THEM THE RACE WAS A SOLO BATTLE BETWEEN THEM


NO WONDER. YOUNG PEOPLE JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT AN OLD MAN LIKE ME IS TALKING ABOUT...
I SEE. YOU'RE NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE RACE.

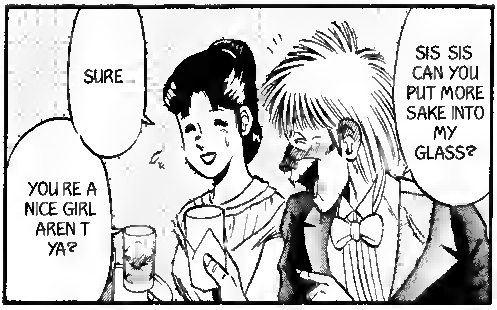

OH...?
BUT I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU WERE GOING TO SAY

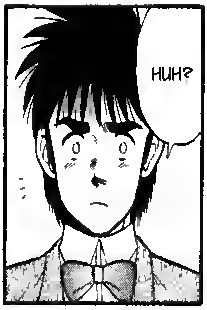

HM...
HE STILL HAS A CHANCE TO WIN THE RACE!

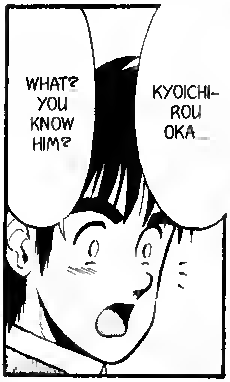

I'M SURE HE'LL BE ABLE TO CATCH THEM UP WITH HIS TWO-STEP LAST SPURT!
COMPARED TO THEM, SYLPHID ALWAYS HAS A BAD START. BUT...

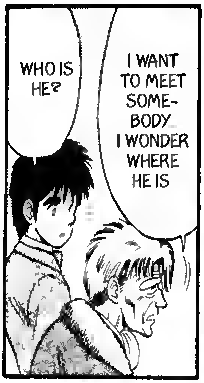

AH! YES THAT'S TRUE

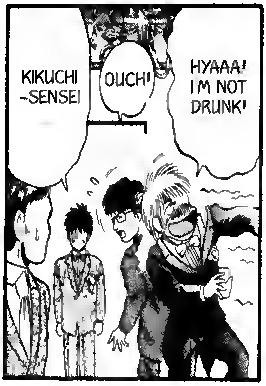

IT'S STILL POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO PLACE THIRD...
I TALKED TOO MUCH...
AH SORRY SORRY
EH?
AH! WAIT! I'M COMING WITH YOU!
I'M GOING BACK TO THE PARTY
NO...
I DIDN'T MEAN TO UPSET YOU
THAT'S JUST MY OPINION...
NO..I'M NOT!
YOU'RE NOT ANGRY ARE YOU?

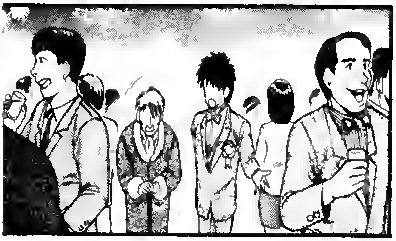

SURE
YOU'RE A NICE GIRL AREN'T YA?
SIS SIS CAN YOU PUT MORE SAKE INTO MY GLASS?

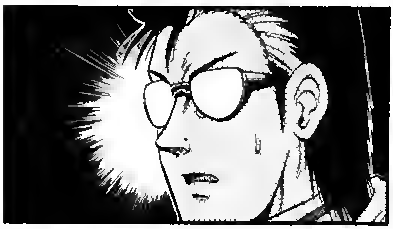

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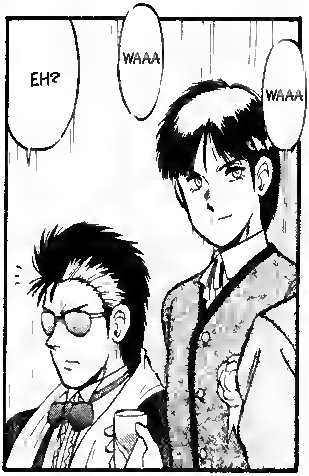

WHAT? YOU KNOW HIM?
KYOICHI-ROU OKA_


WHO IS HE?
I WANT TO MEET SOME-BODY I WONDER WHERE HE IS

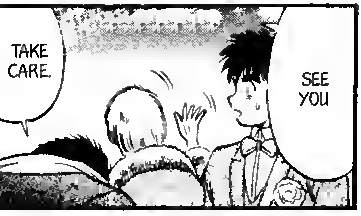

KIKUCHI -SENSE!
OUCH!
HYAAA! I'M NOT DRUNK!





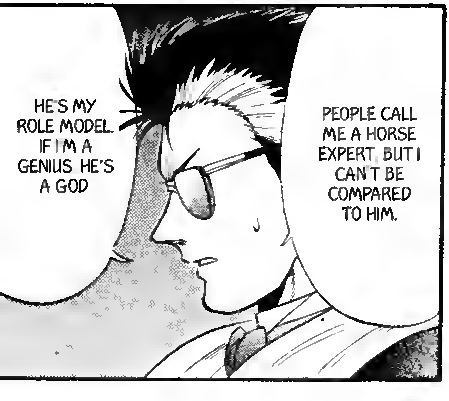

EH?
WAAA
WAAA


IT'S BEEN A WHILE, OWNER HINUMA...
OKA-SAN?
ENOUGH, RAISE YOUR HEAD
AH OKA-KUN
EH?
HE'S THE OWNER OF HINUMA BORK?!
WHAT...?
HINUMA...?


TAKE CARE.
SEE YOU


I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE MY HORSE RACE AGAINST YOURS IN ARIMA KINEN.
YOU'VE PRODUCED STRONG HORSES, OKA-KUN.


OKA-SAN?


HE'S MY ROLE MODEL. IF I'M A GENIUS, HE'S A GOD
PEOPLE CALL ME A HORSE EXPERT, BUT I CAN'T BE COMPARED TO HIM.


SOJIN HINUMA...
YES
THAT GRANDPA IS THE OWNER OF HINUMA RANCH?


HUH?
IS... IS HE THAT GOOD?


A GOD?
HE'S OKA-SAN'S ROLE MODEL?!

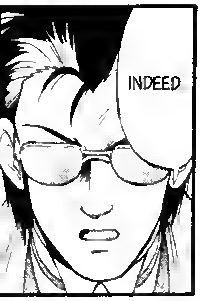

I THOUGHT YOU KNEW HIM
NO...
I JUST MET HIM IN THE CORRIDOR
OH
HE FIRST BUILT HIS RANCH MORE THAN 50 YEARS AGO IN IBARAKI PREFECTURE
HE WAS JUST 20 BACK THEN HE INHERITED THE RANCH FROM HIS PARENTS
IT WASN'T EASY FOR HIM
HE FACED A LOT OF DIFFICULTIES
THE ONLY SUPPORT HE GOT WAS THE LOVE OF HIS FAMILY
THANKS TO HIS HARD WORK HE STARTED TO PRODUCE GOOD HORSES THAT WERE EVEN BETTER THAN THE ONES PRODUCED IN HOKKAIDO AT FIRST PEOPLE DOUBTED HIS SKILLS BUT

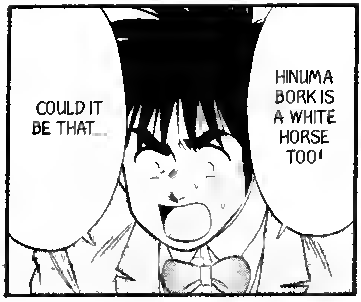

PEOPLE FINALLY REALIZED HIS TALENT
HE DIDN'T CARE ABOUT OTHER PEOPLE HE HAS PRODUCED MANY GOOD HORSES EVER SINCE.
WORLD WAR II.
A WAR.
HE KNEW HE WOULD HAVE A BRIGHT FUTURE.
HE GOT SPON-SORED.
UNEX-PECTED?
BUT SOME-THING UN-EXPECTED HAPPENED.
HE COULDN'T CONTACT HIS FAMILY. HIS MIND WAS FILLED WITH THEM AND HIS RANCH...
HE WENT TO THE BATTLE-FIELD FOR 4 YEARS...
HE WAS FORCED TO BE IN THE ARMY AND LEFT HIS FAMILY...
HE TOOK THE FIRST TRAIN AND RETURNED TO HIS RANCH AS SOON AS HE COULD...
FINALLY, THE LONG WAR WAS OVER.

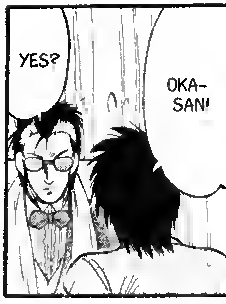

HINUMA RANCH!
FINALLY I'M HOME!
WHAT?
BUT WHAT HE FOUND WAS...
HE COULDN'T FIND HIS FAMILY OR A SINGLE HORSE...
HIS RANCH HAD BEEN DESTROYED.
HIS HORSES WERE STOLEN AND USED FOR ARMY PURPOSES. NO ONE CAME BACK AFTER THAT.
IBARAKI IS CLOSE TO TOKYO. IT WAS AN UNFORTUNATE PLACE TO LIVE DURING WORLD WAR II. HIS FAMILY WAS THE VICTIMS OF BOMBING.

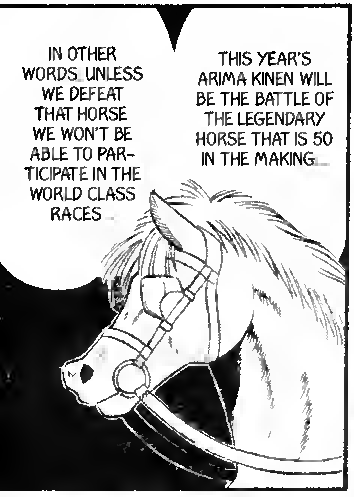

HOPE?
BUT HE STILL HAD ONE HOPE LEFT.
HE SAT DOWN ON HIS RANCH AND DIDN'T MOVE AT ALL.
HE GAVE UP. HE DIDN'T HAVE THE POWER TO MOVE ON.
YES.
JUST ONE LITTLE SPARK OF HOPE...
A WHITE HORSE.
BECAUSE HE WAS A WHITE HORSE THE ARMY COULDN'T USE HIM SINCE THE ENEMY WOULD BE ABLE TO SEE HIM EASILY.
THEREFORE, THEY LEFT HIM IN THE RANCH
THAT HORSE LOOKED AT HINUMA CLOSELY.
AND HINUMA LOOKED BACK AT HIM.


TO STAY ALIVE!
BUT HE TRIED HIS BEST TO STAY ALIVE.
AND HE WAS SKINNY BECAUSE THERE WAS NO FOOD TO EAT DURING THE WAR.
HIS BODY WAS WOUNDED ALL OVER.
THANKS TO HIS HARD WORK HE WAS FINALLY ABLE TO GROW PLANTS ON HIS RANCH.
IN THE END HINUMA DECIDED TO START ALL OVER WITH THAT HORSE.
BECAUSE OF...
SO, THAT OLD MAN WORKED HARD...
I LOVE WHITE HORSES
BECAUSE OF THAT ONE WHITE HORSE...
AH!
END OF THE STORY
HIS RECOVERY WAS ALL THANKS TO THAT ONE HORSE AND NOW HINUMA RANCH HAS BECOME ONE OF THE BIGGEST HOPES OF THE JAPANESE RACE HORSING WORLD.


INDEED

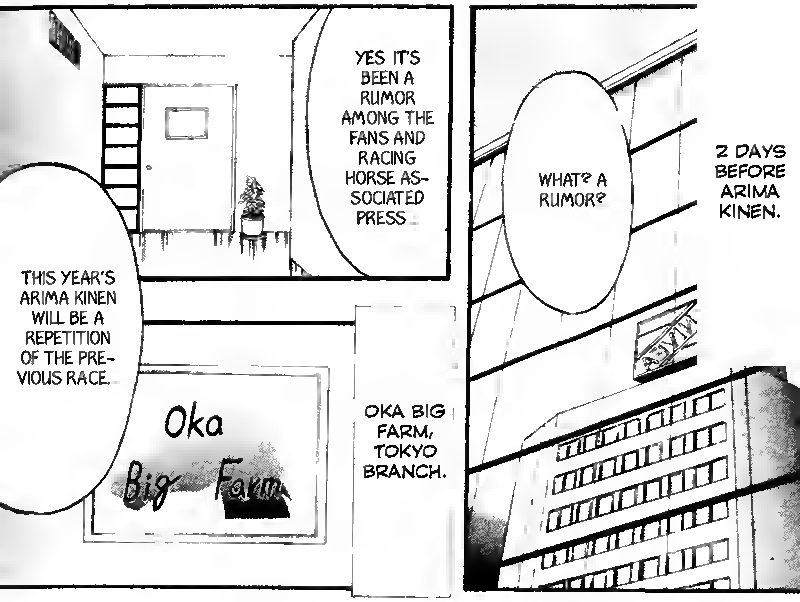

COULD IT BE THAT...
HINUMA BORK IS A WHITE HORSE TOO!


YES?
OKA-SAN!

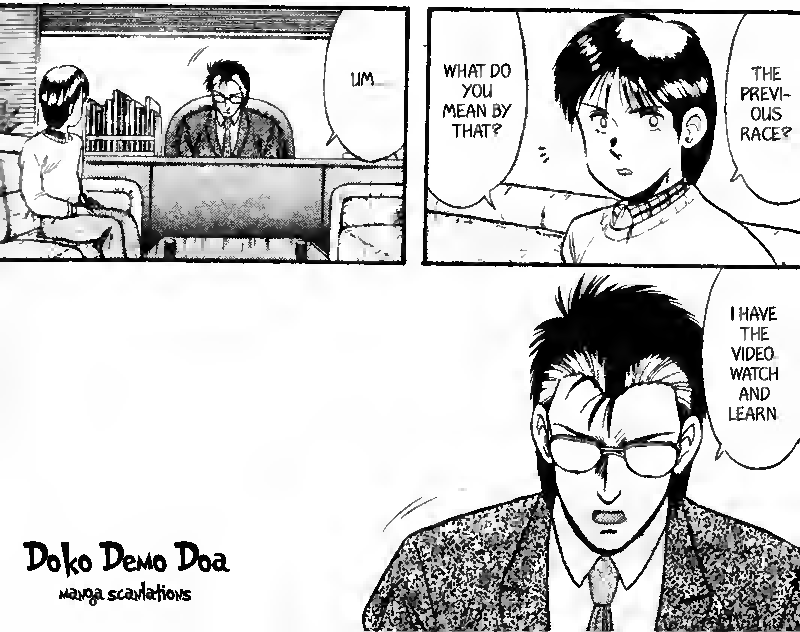

IN OTHER WORDS, UNLESS WE DEFEAT THAT HORSE WE WON'T BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WORLD CLASS RACES...
THIS YEAR'S ARIMA KINEN WILL BE THE BATTLE OF THE LEGENDARY HORSE THAT IS 50 IN THE MAKING...


HINUMA BORK IS THE BEST HORSE THAT HINUMA HAS EVER PRODUCED IN THESE PAST 50 YEARS.
HINUMA BORK HAS INHERITED THE BLOOD OF THAT FIRST WHITE HORSE.

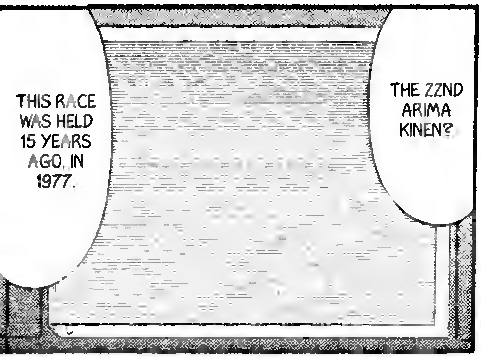

I CAN'T WAIT TO WATCH THE ARIMA KINEN RACE.
THE HARD WORKER.

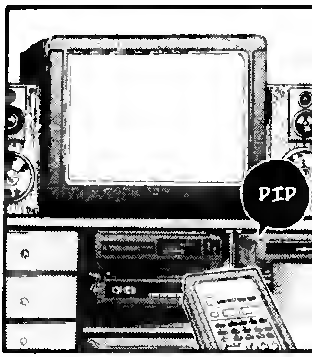


RACE 96: TEN POINT AND GREEN GRASS

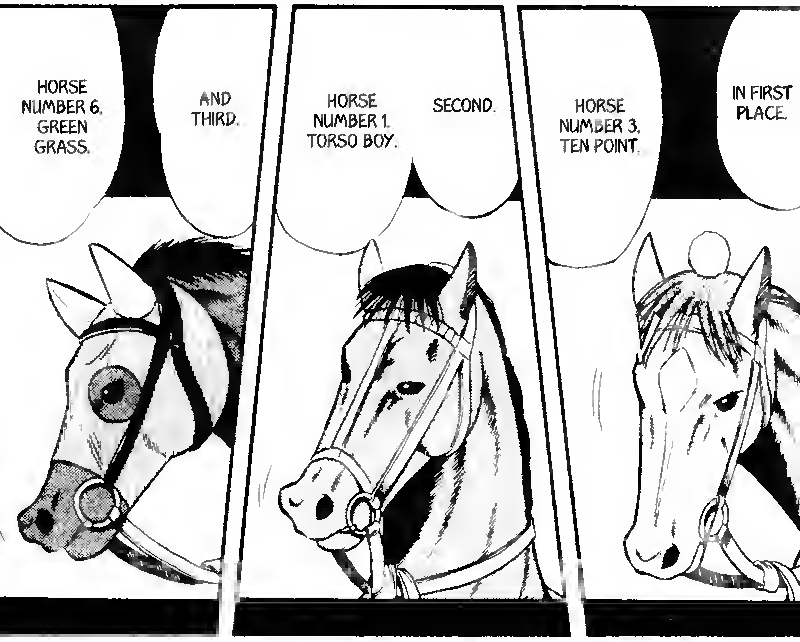


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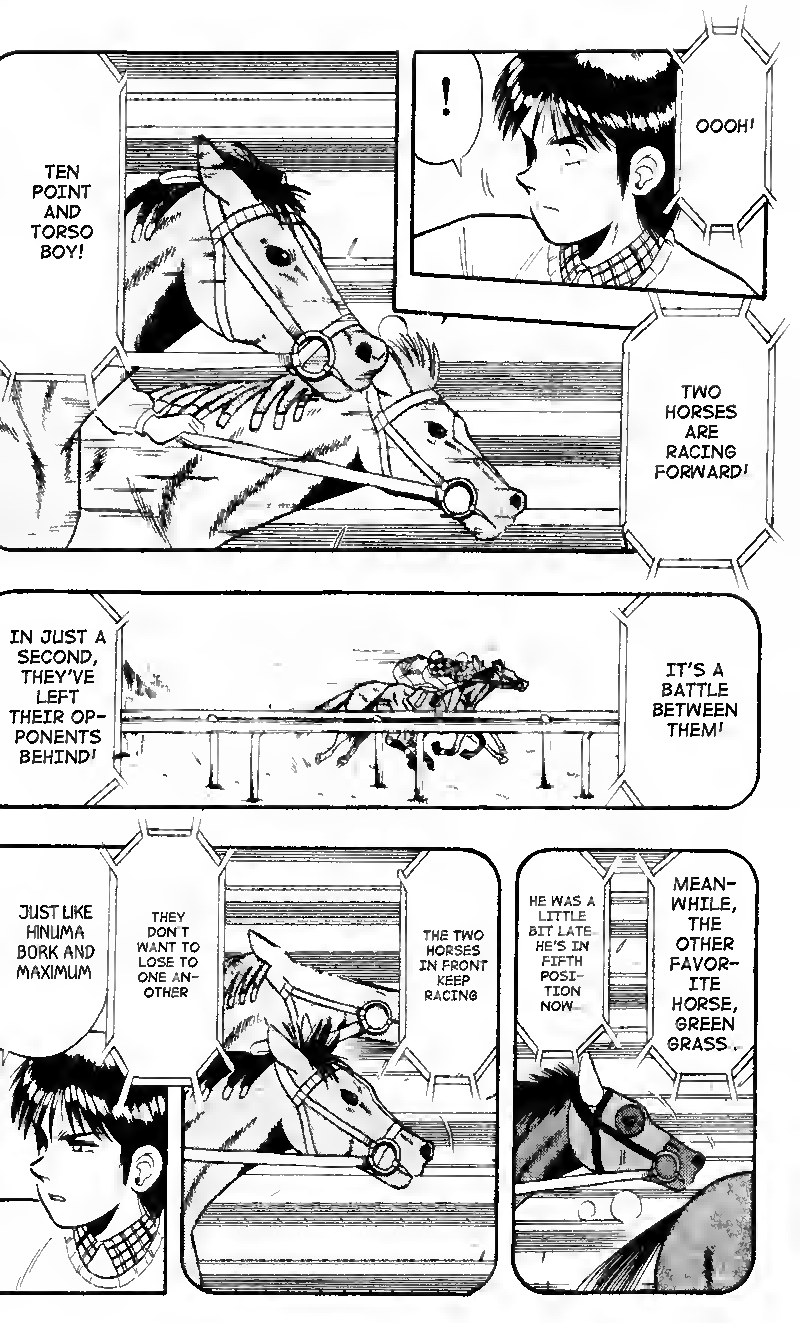

THIS RACE WAS HELD 15 YEARS AGO, IN 1977.
THE 22ND ARIMA KINEN?


PIP


THE FAVORITE HORSES WERE THESE 3 HORSES.
THIS WAS THE ARIMA KINEN SO ONLY HORSES THAT WERE CHOSEN BY THE FANS COULD PARTICIPATE IN THIS RACE.


HORSE NUMBER 6, GREEN GRASS.
AND THIRD.
HORSE NUMBER 1, TORSO BOY.
SECOND.
HORSE NUMBER 3, TEN POINT.
IN FIRST PLACE.


AND THE HORSE THAT ACCEPTED THEIR CHALLENGE WAS GREEN GRASS
IN THE LAST YEAR'S ARIMA KINEN THERE WERE 2 HORSES WITH THE SAME POWER. AND IN THIS RACE TOO THERE WAS A SOLO BATTLE BETWEEN TEN POINT AND TORSO BOY
IT'S JUST LIKE HOW THIS YEAR'S RACE WILL BE!
IT'S IDENTI-CAL!
AH!
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
HOW WAS THE RESULT?
SO THAT'S WHY PEOPLE RECALL THIS YEAR'S RACE AS THE REPETITION OF A PREVI-OUS ONE
AND WE CAN COMPARE SYLPHID TO GREEN GRASS
WE CAN IMAGINE THAT HINUMA BORK AND MAXI-MUM ARE TEN POINT AND TORSO BOY
STAAARTI
LET'S WATCH IT


TEN POINT AND TORSO BOY!
!
OOOH!
TWO HORSES ARE RACING FORWARD!
IN JUST A SECOND, THEY'VE LEFT THEIR OPPONENTS BEHIND!
IT'S A BATTLE BETWEEN THEM!
JUST LIKE HINUMA BORK AND MAXIMUM
THEY DON'T WANT TO LOSE TO ONE ANOTHER
THE TWO HORSES IN FRONT KEEP RACING
HE WAS A LITTLE BIT LATE. HE'S IN FIFTH POSITION NOW.
MEANWHILE, THE OTHER FAVORITE HORSE, GREEN GRASS.


THIS IS THEIR SOLO BATTLE! FROM THE AUDIENCE TRIBUNE TO THE THIRD CORNER!
THEIR FIGHTING SPIRIT IS AWESOME! BOTH TEN POINT AND TORSO BOY!
THE RACE HAS REACHED THE HALF WAY POINT.
FINALLY, GREEN GRASS IS IN THIRD POSI-TION!
OH!
REACH-ING THE LAST CORNER!
THE DISTANCE BETWEEN THEM AND GREEN GRASS IS ABOUT 3 HORSES! THEY'RE GOING TO FACE THE LAST STRAIGHT LINE SOON!
THE TWO HORSES ARE NOT DECREAS-ING THEIR SPEED! THEY'RE GOING FOR THE LAST CORNER!
OOOH!
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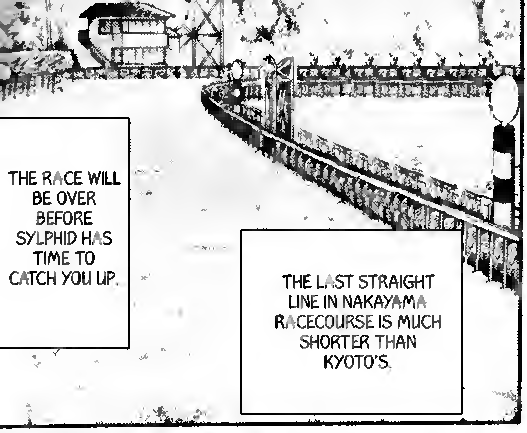
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EVEN GREEN GRASS IS INCREASING HIS SPEED!
CAN TORSO BOY CATCH HIM UP?
WILL TEN POINT WIN THE RACE?
YES, THAT'S THE END.
IN!
CLICK
SO THE PROBLEM IS...
THE POWER OF THESE THREE HORSES WAS ALMOST EQUAL. IT'S MOST LIKELY THAT THIS YEAR'S RACE WILL BE A REPETITION OF THIS YEAR'S RACE.
TEN POINT WON THE RACE JUST BY BEING ¾ OF A HORSE'S DISTANCE AHEAD OF TORSO BOY AND ½ HORSE AHEAD OF GREEN GRASS.
THIS WAS 1977'S ARIMA KINEN.


WHO DO YOU THINK WILL BE THE EQUIVALENT OF TEN POINT?
THE WINNER OF THE RACE WILL BE THE EQUIVALENT OF TEN POINT
THIS WILL BE THE BATTLE BETWEEN HINUMA BORK AND MAXIMUM
LET MAXIMUM RUN AS HE PLEASES, JUN
DURING THE RACE
THAT'S
EH?
THERE'LL BE A STRATEGY FOR THAT
IF THE RACE IS GOING TO BE THE REPETITION OF THE PREVIOUS RACE, WE CAN'T LET MAXIMUM BE PARALLEL TO HINUMA BORK EVEN ONCE!
LET MAXIMUM LEAD THE RACE FROM THE START. DON'T LET HINUMA BORK PASS HIM.
WHAT?

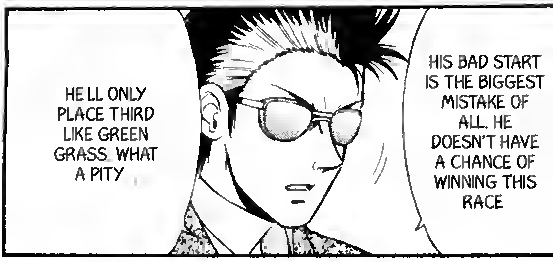

THAT WAY, HE WILL BE ABLE TO SEE HIS OPPONENT AND HIS FIGHTING SPIRIT WOULD INCREASE FOR SURE
I HEARD THAT THEY'LL BE TAKING OFF HINUMA BORK'S BLINDERS FOR ARIMA KINEN
THAT'S...
WHY NOT?
I SEE.
EVEN HUMAN CAN BECOME WILD WHEN HE SEES HIS OPPONENT
IT'D BE DANGEROUS IF YOU RAN PARALLEL WITH HIM.
THE PROBLEM IS... THEY'LL FIND THE BEST JOCKEY TO RIDE HINUMA BORK, I'M SURE
HINUMA BORK WILL DO HIS BEST TO GET IN FRONT OF YOU FRONT. BUT I'M SURE YOU'LL BE ABLE TO DEFEAT HIM
WE HAVE TO SUPPRESS HIS FIGHTING SPIRIT!
THE ONLY WAY TO PREVENT HIS WILDNESS IS BY RUNNING IN FRONT OF HIM
YES!
IT'S NOT GOING TO BE A PROBLEM FOR YOU, IS IT? YOU CAN DO IT!

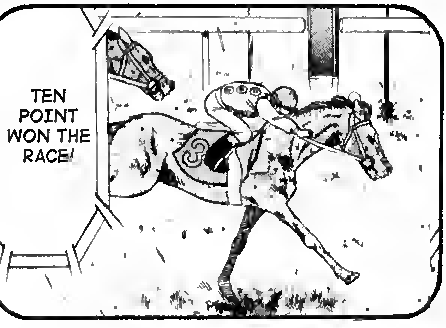

I'VE PREPARED THE TICKETS FOR YOU.
DO YOUR BEST WHEN ARIMA KINEN RACE IS OVER. WE'LL GO TO EUROPE NEXT YEAR.
GOOD!
AH OKA-SAN!
OKAY. LET'S CALL IT THE DAY.
YEAH!
I'M SURE PLENTY OF BEAUTIFUL FRENCH LADIES WILL BE WAITING FOR YOU THERE.
LET'S FORGET ABOUT SYLPHID FOR NOW!
YES.
DO YOU THINK IT'S OKAY TO IGNORE SYLPHID?

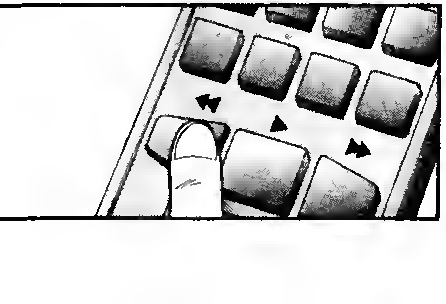

THE RACE WILL BE OVER BEFORE SYLPHID HAS TIME TO CATCH YOU UP.
THE LAST STRAIGHT LINE IN NAKAYAMA RACECOURSE IS MUCH SHORTER THAN KYOTO'S.


I KNOW WE WERE DEFEATED IN KITSUKA, BUT...
BUT IF I RECALL KITSUKA SHOU...


IS THAT SO?


HE'LL ONLY PLACE THIRD LIKE GREEN GRASS. WHAT A PITY.
HIS BAD START IS THE BIGGEST MISTAKE OF ALL. HE DOESN'T HAVE A CHANCE OF WINNING THIS RACE.


TEN POINT WON THE RACE!

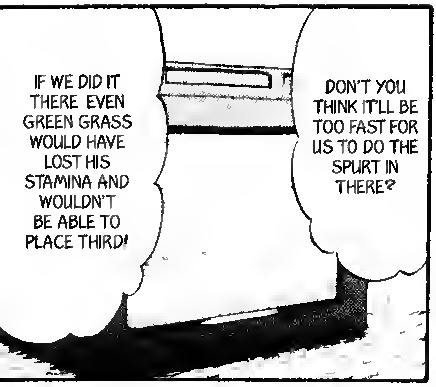


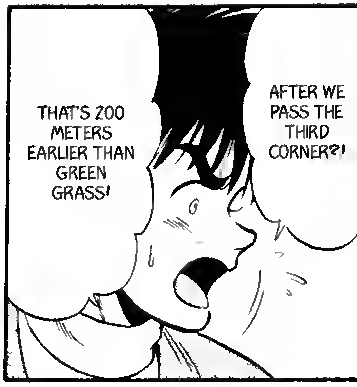

KIKUCHI STABLE
IN THE MEAN TIME...
KIKUCHI

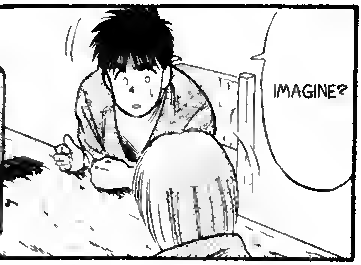

YES, START!
6 5 4 3 2 1
UM...
YOU'VE WATCHED IT 20 TIMES NOW. WHAT DID YOU LEARN FROM THE VIDEO?
WE BETTER PAY ATTENTION TO GREEN GRASS FIND A WAY FOR HIM TO WIN THE RACE AND DO THE SAME WITH SYLPHID
BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT WE'RE CONCERNED ABOUT
I'M SURE MAXIMUM AND HINUMA BORK HAVE STRATEGIES TO BE THE EQUIVALENT OF TEN POINT
THIS 1977 RACE WILL BE EXACTLY THE SAME AS THIS YEAR'S RACE.
NOT HERE EITHER.
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NOT HERE.
I KNOW.

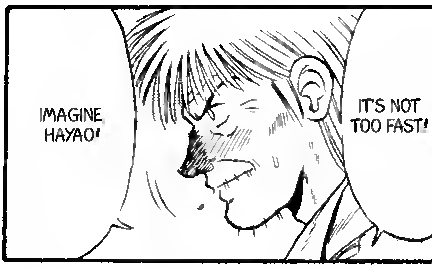

HE DIDN'T EVEN START HIS LAST SPURT IN THE LAST 600 METERS
GREEN GRASS WAS NOT THE TYPE OF HORSE WHO DEPENDED ON THE LAST SPURT.
WHEN DID GREEN GRASS DO HIS LAST SPURT?
WHERE WAS IT?
IF ONLY SYLPHID COULD DO THE SAME...
IN THE PLACE WHERE GREEN GRASS DID HIS SPURT...
THE LAST STRAIGHT LINE IN THIS RACE IS SHORT! I CAN T AVOID BEING LATE!
BUT HE COULD CATCH UP WITH TEN POINT AND ENDED THE RACE ONLY A HORSE'S DISTANCE BEHIND
WHERE DID GREEN GRASS DO HIS SPURT...?
HE COULD FIX WHAT GREEN GRASS COULDN'T ACCOMPLISH IN THIS RACE...
WITH SYLPHID S BACK LEGS...
PIP

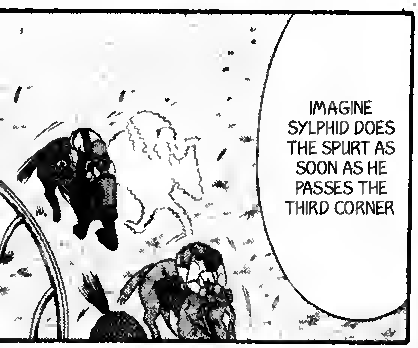

GREEN GRASS DID HIS SPURT THERE!
IN THE LAST CORNER, GREEN GRASS'S JOCKEY STARTED TO USE HIS WHIP!
!
I FOUND IT!
YES!
IS THAT WHAT YOU THINK?
I'M SURE WE CAN WIN THE RACE!
IF WE DO THE SAME...
SYLPHID HAS TO DO HIS SPURT FASTER THAN GREEN GRASS! DO IT AFTER YOU PASS THE THIRD CORNER!
IF YOU DO YOUR SPURT THERE, YOU'LL BE TOO LATE TO CATCH THEM UP!
WHAT?!
HUH?!
YOU'RE WRONG

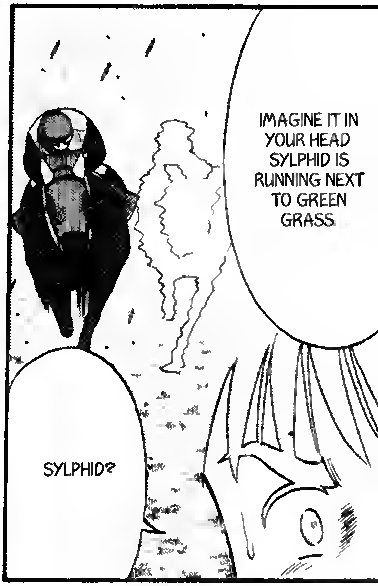

IF WE DID IT THERE EVEN GREEN GRASS WOULD HAVE LOST HIS STAMINA AND WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO PLACE THIRD!
DON'T YOU THINK IT'LL BE TOO FAST FOR US TO DO THE SPURT IN THERE?

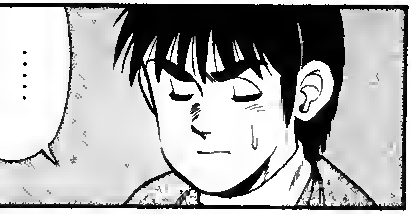

THAT'S 200 METERS EARLIER THAN GREEN GRASS!
AFTER WE PASS THE THIRD CORNER?!


IMAGINE?

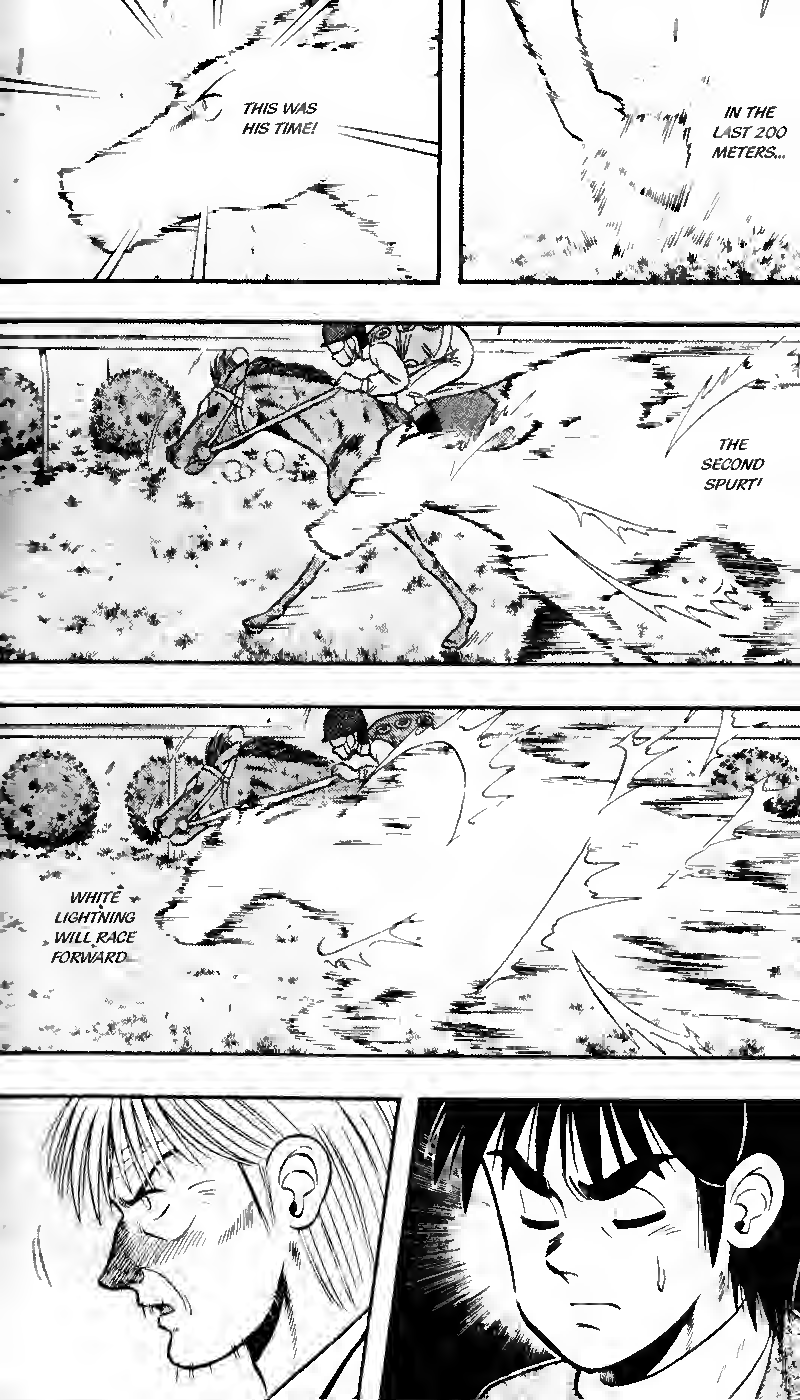

IMAGINE HAYAO!
IT'S NOT TOO FAST!

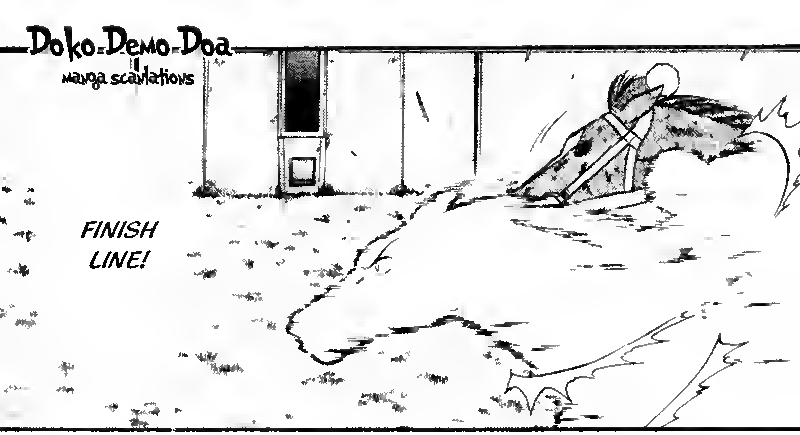

IMAGINE SYLPHID DOES THE SPURT AS SOON AS HE PASSES THE THIRD CORNER

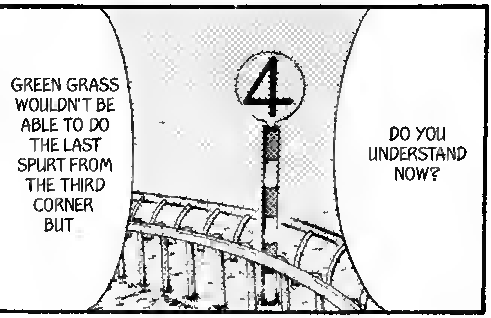

IMAGINE IT IN YOUR HEAD SYLPHID IS RUNNING NEXT TO GREEN GRASS.
SYLPHID?

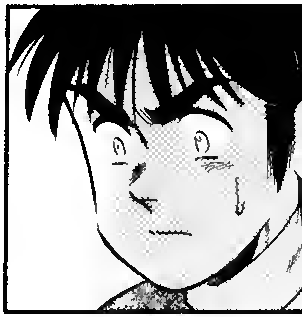

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IF YOU DID INCREASE YOUR SPEED NOW!
HOW IS IT? DID YOU DO IT YET?
SPURT!
THE DISTANCE BETWEEN YOU AND THE HORSES IN FRONT OF YOU WILL DECREASE, RIGHT?
IF IT WAS GREEN GRASS, HE WOULD HAVE LOST HIS STAMINA FOR SURE.
IN THE LAST 200 METERS BEFORE THE FINISH LINE, YOUR DISTANCE HAS BECOME SHORTER AND SHORTER.
THE TWO-STEP LAST SPURT!
SYLPHID HAS...
AH!
BUT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT SYLPHID HERE.

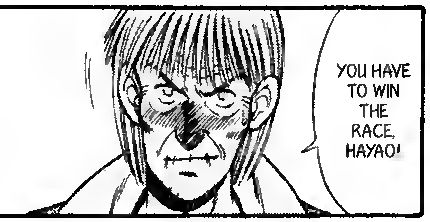

THIS WAS HIS TIME!
IN THE LAST 200 METERS...
THE SECOND SPURT!
WHITE LIGHTNING WILL RACE FORWARD


FINISH LINE!


GREEN GRASS WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO DO THE LAST SPURT FROM THE THIRD CORNER BUT
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DO YOU UNDERSTAND NOW?




BUT IT WON'T HAPPEN TO SYLPHID
GREEN GRASS PLACED THIRD.


YOU HAVE TO WIN THE RACE, HAYAO!


THIS STRATEGY WILL ONLY WORK IF HE DOES HIS SPURT FROM THE THIRD CORNER!
SYLPHID HAS THE TWO-STEP LAST SPURT
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TO BE CONTINUED